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'Through the eyes of angels'

Lake Villa artist illustrates a pastor's unique view of the Christmas story

By Brenda Balin
Staff Reporter



Photo by John Dickson

(above) While the Hope Community Church service continues, artist Rosemary Adcock works on her progressive painting. The painting that is part of the Through the Eyes of Angels sermon series, was completed in the Christmas service. (right) This preliminary sketch was the first step in the progressive painting "Looking at Christmas Through the Eyes of Angels," by Rosemarie Adcock.



Photo courtesy of Rosemarie Adcock

For as long as there have been artists, they have attempted to capture the essence of their spiritual beliefs. From the gods of hunters, painted on cave walls, to the idols of pre-Christian civilizations to the magnificent iconographic art of Eastern Europe, human beings have always tried to create images of their faith.

During this Christmas season, over the course of four weekends, Lake Villa artist Rosemarie Adcock and Hope Community Church Senior Pastor Wayne Okamoto formed a collaboration of words and images to present a unique vision of the birth of Jesus.

In a five-part series called "Looking at Christmas Through the Eyes of Angels," Okamoto retold the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus from the point of view of angels.

Specifically, the sermons were entitled "Do I have a surprise for you, old man!" (an angel discussing the impending events, including the birth of John the Baptist, with Zechariah); "Have you ever taken a class about the birds and the bees?" (Mary's encounter with an angel); "You mean she's not what I think she is?" (Joseph's conversation with an angel); "It's party time!" (an angel speaking to the shepherds, on Christmas Eve) and "It's time to get out of Dodge!" (an angel to Joseph, post-nativity).

Each of the contemporary sermons was accompanied by a "progressive painting" illustrating it.

As Okamoto spoke on each successive Sunday, (plus a Christmas Eve afternoon service), Adcock painted in the images of each character on a 4-foot-by-6-foot canvas.

She began with a roughed out "sketch" of the entire painting in burnt sienna, and filled in color and details a bit at a time.

For the first sermon, for example, she painted in the images of an angel and Zechariah.

The last figure to be completed was the figure of the infant Jesus, the last to arrive on the scene, literally.

"It is amazing how often angels appear in Christmas stories," Okamoto said. "This was a supernatural event from the beginning."

Music plays into the presentation as well, with Adcock's painting "choreographed" to match the music and the spoken words.

(Adcock's husband, Ed, the church's pastor of worship and a musician, provides music for worship services.)

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Village hires new engineer

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

The Antioch Village Board unanimously approved the hiring of Keith Fujihara as the full-time village engineer at their Dec. 20 meeting.

Village Administrator Alan Probst said he had been sifting through resumes and conducting interviews for the past three months with the help of Smith Engineering and said Fujihara was the most qualified candidate.

"This particular person felt like a good fit," Probst said.

Fujihara currently resides in Evanston, where he is the department of public works director and city engineer. He will begin his new position with Antioch Jan. 3.

Probst said Fujihara's experience in water treatment and street improvement was a deciding factor in the hire, as the village is working to implement plans in both of those areas. Probst added that Fujihara also had experience dealing with residential projects and concepts submitted by developers, which is also important in the growing village.

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FWA approves budget

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

There was some disagreement, but Fox Waterway Agency (FWA) officials believe they are on the path to adopting a new budget for its fiscal year 2005.

"We believe that we have a budget that meets our needs of the agency. The state is going to be cooperative," said Chairman Howard "Bud" Scott. "We'll make sure the irons are in the fire. With the swearing in of new officials in January, we need to do a better job of showing them what the agency is all about."

The FWA Board approved the temporary budget at its Dec. 18 meeting in McHenry.

"It is $7,000 less than the preliminary budget. We adjusted our medical insurance to reflect a net costs for the agency and our workman's compensation was also down," said executive director Ingrid Ruttendjie.

The board approved more money for the land lease fund, which includes its offices in Fox Lake.

As of Nov. 18, the agency had revenue of $3,359,708. One item is a $150,000 grant from the state which is yet to be received. The agency has spent $19,166 on board salaries, $2,425 on meetings, training and travel and $3,061 due to the flood last

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Pact means Ray's Chevy stays in Fox Lake for good

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

Ray's Chevrolet has been part of the Route 12 landscape for 15 years and will be part of the village of Fox Lake long-term.

Trustees unanimously agreed to an incentive package regarding Ray Chevrolet. The business development district plan includes Route 12, Grand Avenue and Nippersink Boulevard. The package allows the dealership to acquire property once planned for a restaurant just south of the dealership. Metra, meanwhile, would obtain more parking to the east side of Nippersink Boulevard near the Lakefront Park property.

"Ray Chevrolet is not just a business in Fox Lake. It is an intricate part of the Fox Lake family," said Fox Lake Community Development Director Claude LeMere.

The agreement prevents a move of the dealership to Spring Grove.

"We had talks with Ray Chevrolet, but they opted for the incentive agreement in Fox Lake. The family was very nice to deal with," said Spring Grove Trustee Thomas Sanders.

"One of our neighboring communities offered Ray Chevrolet a huge incentive to move. That is what brought this whole development about. The mayor and myself have been working on this for over four months," LeMere said.

"Without the efforts of the village of Fox Lake, this would not have happened," Ray Scarpelli Sr., owner, said. "You have made us feel welcome. We will continue to be a good part of this community. In the past, we were not always feeling welcome."

"It was a good way to end the year," said Fox Lake Mayor Nancy Koske.

The village of Fox Lake will receive the first $200,000 in sales tax from the dealership, with the dealership keeping the remainder. The agreement calls for nine new jobs to be created.

The dealership is involved in the community through the senior citizens van program and contributes to Grant, Johnsburg, Antioch and Richmond-Burton sports programs. Raymond Chevrolet, another part of the dealership, has been part of the Antioch economic scene for many years off Route 173. "We're involved and it is nice to know that they recognize it," Scarpelli said.

The restaurant building, known as the Pena property, will be changed to accommodate an auto service area.

'You have made us feel welcome. We will continue to be a good part of this community. In the past, we were not always feeling welcome.'

Ray Scarpelli Sr
Owner of Ray Chevrolet

Ray Chevrolet employs about 100 individuals in Fox Lake.

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Raymond Chevrolet donates truck to Village

By Brian Janosh
Staff Reporter

When the Village of Antioch finishes their set of new athletic fields they'll look back and have a 2005 Chevrolet SSR convertible pickup truck to thank.

Raymond Chevrolet in Antioch recently donated the car, valued at $48,000 dollars, to the Village of Antioch for the development of athletic fields. The village will start selling raffle tickets for the car in January.

"The town needs athletic fields and we want to help make sure it's a home run for the village," said Raymond Chevrolet Owner Mark Scarpelli.

Raymond Chevrolet aided Lake Villa with a similar fund raiser in the past where two Chevy Cavaliers raised more than $90,000. Scarpelli said he hopes to raise more than $100,000 this go around.

"(Raymond Chevrolet) has been a godsend in this community," Village Trustee Dorothy Larson said. "From small donations to large, they are always one of the first willing to contribute."

Antioch completed a concept plan last summer. Then in the fall they had the land surveyed and studied. The results from the studies should come in soon and the money would be allocated from there.

The proposed cite for the athletic fields is right off of Depot St. just west of Pine Hill Lake

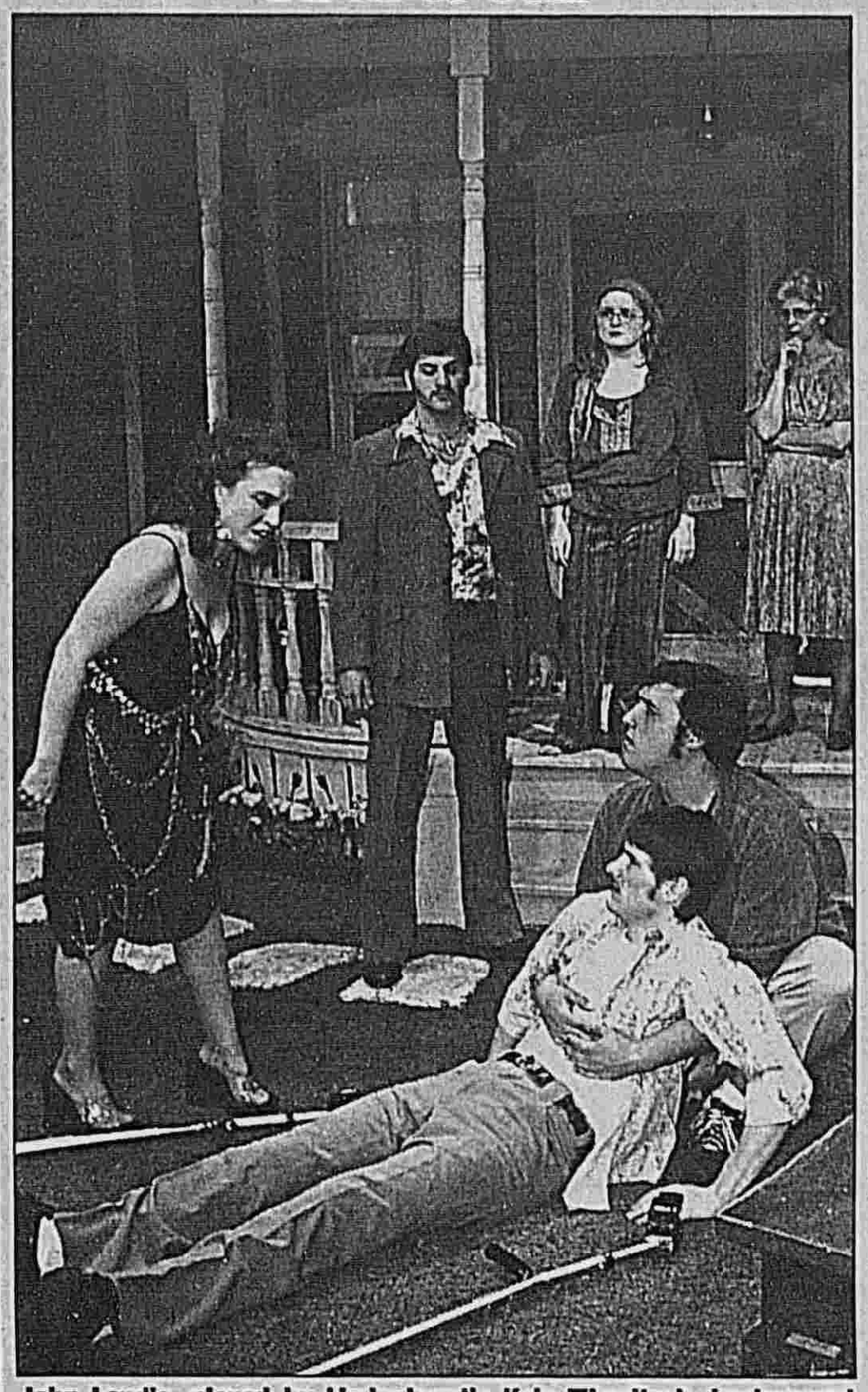
"Youth is our future," Scarpelli said. "We've got to make (Antioch) a great place for young families. We need a base, and athletics is one area."

The truck will be raffled off with tickets being sold for $20 dollars or six for $100. The Village plans on enlisting the help of the local football and baseball programs in selling tickets along with other sports leagues.

"We are members of this community and we share in things the town has," Scarpelli said. "We want a nice town for everybody."

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'Fifth of July'



John Landis, played by Lindenhurst's Kyle Tikovitsch, backgournd left, stands back as his wife Gwen defends him during a scene from Parkside Theatre's production of "Fifth of July." The play will have encore performances at UW-Parkside Jan. 8 and 9 in preparation for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Regional Festival at Illinois State University on Jan. 15. For tickets, call 262-595-2564.

Sign targeted as 'clutter' might stay

By Brenda Balin
Staff Reporter

A dispute concerning "sign clutter" at the corner of Cedar and Milwaukee avenues may be resolved in favor of a business owner, due to a miscalculation on the part of the village of Lake Villa.

Signage advertising Dollar Dar$, in the Crossings strip mall, was in danger of removal, as a temporary sign. The sign was also considered undesirable and not in conformance with village ordinance.

However, during a village board committee meeting on Dec. 22, it was revealed that the original sign request for a permanent sign may have been unfairly denied.

When the Lake Villa Zoning Board of Appeals held a public hearing on Dec. 9, on a proposed text amendment to the village's sign ordinance, there were only two people testifying: John and Darlene Hall, owners of Dollar Dar'$.

The couple was at odds with the decision, made that night by the ZBA, to support a text amendment that would outlaw standalone ground signage where there is a common sign structure available.

Darlene Hall testified that the white 4-foot-by-4-foot ground-level sign she erected was necessary because the strip mall property owner's single brown wood marquee, located on the corner, would not provide the visibility her business needs.

Hall provided photos to the board, showing the signs in daylight, to illustrate her point.

"If I have to take my sign down, I might as well move or close the store," she said.

She said the property owner, Joanne Almiro, told her the sign, which conforms to village code, was adequate. Hall maintains the dark brown sign with small white lettering is hard to see from the road.

The strip mall, originally all professional (non-retail) space, is located in a small hollow, slightly below grade, with the roadway and right-of-way creating a berm effect, obscuring most of the mall from public view on Milwaukee Avenue.

According to Darlene Hall, her landlord gave her permission to post the large white sign in front of the strip on condition that the village allowed it.

The sign shared space on the lawn with other freestanding signs, including one offering space for rent and another advertising Curves.

When John Hall asked if these signs were specifically being targeted, he was told the board was trying to eliminate sign clutter in general.

Zoning board chair Ray Jelinek explained that the ordinance change would allow ground signage only when there is no space available on a commercial center marquee sign.

During the hearing, Darlene Hall testified that she did not recall if the sign on the lawn was under a permanent or temporary permit.

If under a permanent permit, if the village board accepts the text change, existing signs would be allowed to stand for seven years from the date of the new ordinance.

Temporary permits are limited by the term of the permit, usually 30 days.

In an interview a few days after the hearing, Darlene Hall said the permit issued was temporary, and had expired.

"When I took it out, (village trustee) Bill Effinger said I could keep the sign up as long as no one complained," she said.

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Lions' donation helps 3 libraries

By Nicholas Alajakis
Staff Reporter

The Wadsworth Lions Club continued in their mission earlier this month, with donations to three area libraries that will help the visually impaired.

The donations will make it easier for visually impaired patrons of the Warren-Newport, Zion-Benton and Antioch libraries to read smaller fonts easier, said Lions president Rick Neal.

The club donated two portable magnifiers and one large magnifier to each library. The cost of the project—slightly less than $11,000—is by far the most expensive project in recent years for the club, said Neal.

But at the same time, he added they are able to continue the Lions Club mission of helping the vision and hearing impaired.

The devices donated to the libraries work in two different ways. The smaller magnifiers, which can be checked out, are laced over books and they magnify the text a few lines at a time. The larger magnifiers are permanent fixtures in the library. They are similar to microfilm, said Mary Ann Bruno, public relation director at the Antioch Public library.

The larger devise has a large screen and magnify that reflects an image from a book or magazine onto that screen

It took about eight months of planning to decide what would be the best donations to the library, because the needs of everyone are different, Neal said.

Bruno said both the hand-held magnifiers and the larger ones have been getting good usage in Antioch and people seemed pleased with them. She even tried the larger one herself, she added. When trying to decipher tiny handwriting on a sheet of paper, Bruno said she slid it under the large magnifier and it appeared very large and very clear on the screen.

'Being able to help out is something the club just does...we're just out there collecting nickels, doing the best we can.'

Rick Neal
Lions President

At Warren-Newport they have has similar popularity, said PR director Jan Marsh.

Both Marsh and Bruno also said they are grateful for the donations, adding that they think it will go a long way.

Being able to help out is something the club just does, Neal said.

"We're just out there collecting nickels, doing the best we can," Neal said.

Having only 14 members makes it difficult to collect a large amount of nickels, but the Lions Club did have some help. When she passed away last year, life-long Wadsworth resident Gracie Shield donated $25,000, Neal said.

That money will go a long way toward similar projects for the community, particularly the Newport Township, he added.

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Thelen family defines season of giving

By Brian Janosh
Staff Reporter

In the season of discount shopping and penny pinching on gifts for distant relatives, the Thelen family of Antioch has gathered more than two-thirds of a million dollars in gifts this holiday season.

When Vern Thelen passed away last year he left a legacy of "not just taking, but giving some back." That legacy now survives in the form of his wife Bunny and the five other members of the Vern and Bunny Thelen Family Foundation.

"I think we're only beginning," Bunny Thelen said. "I'm thinking that if we can help people around the world, that this is going to be something really special in our hearts."

The Thelen Family Foundation raised $44,000 in a golf outing this summer and recently donated all the money to the American Cancer Society. The money will go towards the research of melanoma, the cause of Vern Thelen's death.

Earlier this December, Bunny Thelen put together another $22,400 for the Antioch Rotary Club. Vern was the last of the original charter members and regularly contributed during his time with the club. That donation came strictly from Bunny Thelen and not the entire foundation.

"My father was a lifelong member of the rotary club," Jack Thelen said. "He and the business associates that he made donations to the community and world wide."

Vern Thelen started Thelen Sand and Gravel in Fox Lake back in 1947. As a young man he hauled loads on horse and wagon and the company grew under his leadership. The company, and the charitable donations that came with it, have both fallen into the hands of Thelen's family now but they feel more than up to the task.

"His passing brought the family together in a different perspective," Jack Thelen said. "We had to not only come together as a family, but also run a business and continue on with his life work of giving back to the community."

The $66,400 donated recently serves as a culmination of several key elements of Vern Thelen's life. The $44,000 given to the American Cancer Society is going to find a cure for the most common form of cancer, melanoma, which stands as the disease that took the life of Thelen. Also, a golf outing raised money, a pastime Vern Thelen regularly participated in.

"(The foundation) could become something quite wonderful in some time," Bunny Thelen said. "In some time, with a lot of work on our part, we can build it up."

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District 34 hires new superintendent

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

The search for a new superintendent for District 34 is over.

School Board President Steve Turner confirmed that the board unanimously approved the hiring of Scott Thompson, who is currently a principle at Kildeer-Countryside Grade School, which is in District 96.

Thompson will take over this coming summer for current Superintendent John Hunt, who is retiring at the end of the 2004-05 school year.

It will be Thompson's first position as superintendent.

"The district was looking for youth and longevity," Turner said. "He's going to bring a lot of fresh ideas."

Turner added that Thompson received high praise from his references and was well received by the District 34 staff when he interviewed for the job as one of three finalists.

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DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER



Photo by John Dickson

Jim Lienhardt, of Antioch, helps his grandson Joshua Lienhardt, 3, of Antioch, put on his hat and gloves before braving the extreme cold weather. The Lienhardts had just visited Santa at the Lake Villa Metra station.

Soloist to perform at Primetimers

Glen Jorian, current soloist for the "Songs in the Night" radio broadcast, will present a concert at Primetimers, Thursday, Jan. 6, at 11 a.m. at the Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church in Lake Villa.

Jorian is the lead singer with the "Melody Four Quartet" and the "Sixteen Singing Men." He also has sung the National Anthem for the Chicago Cubs, Bulls and Bears. During World War II, Jorian was a B-29 pilot.

Kathy Stefo, RN/BSN, who has served in health education for 30 years will share her ideas in a presentation called "How to be Healthy in 2005."

Dr. George Sweeting will also share from his new book, "The Joys of Successful Aging." The subject will be "Arteries plus Attitude."

Primetimers is a monthly gathering of senior citizens from northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin.

A lunch will be provided and paid for by means of a free-will offering. The lunch is by reservation only. For reservations call (847) 395-0103.

Next month's Primetimers gathering will take Feb. 10 and will feature Mike Kellog, who is the WMBI Radio host of "Music Through the Night."

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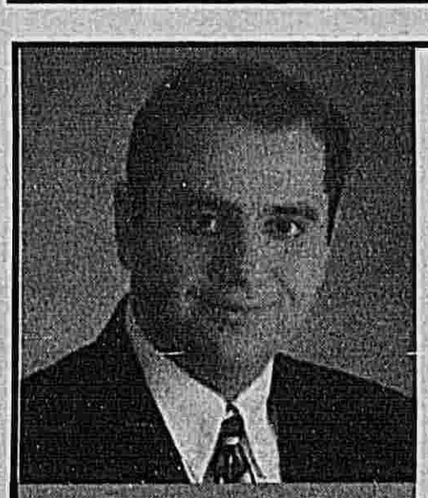
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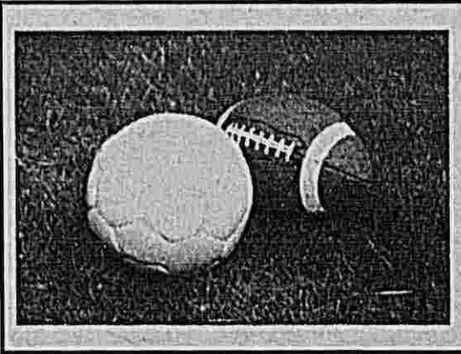


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APD welcomes new additions

By Matt Pera
Staff Reporter

The Antioch Police Department welcomed in three new police officers at the Village Board meeting Dec. 20.

Officers Nick Garcia, Chuck Smith and Rachael Wargula completed their probationary period with the Antioch Police Department and were recommended for full-time status by Chief of Police Chuck Fagan.

The board passed the motion unanimously.

The new officers have been part of the department for many months but only now are considered full-fledged members.

"They have been doing a good job for us and we feel they are viable members of the department," Fagan said.

Garcia, Smith and Wargula recently completed an 18-month probationary period. The preparation began with 12 weeks of preliminary training, followed by 10 weeks of field training with a veteran officer. Following their field training, the three officers underwent a "shadow phase" in which they patrolled alone in a squad car but were followed by a full-time officer.

They have now taken what Fagan called a "giant step" in which they are out on their own but still under close supervision.

"Each of (the three new officers) has proven to be extremely conscientious, displays an excellent attitude, gets along well with the public, and represents the police department in a very favorable manner," Fagan said in a letter to Village Administrator Alan Probst.

Mayor Taso Maravelas swore in another new officer, Darren Leith, at the board meeting. Leith's father recently retired as a lieutenant in the Lake County Sheriff's Department, having worked with Fagan for several years.

Leith will head down to Champaign on Monday, Dec. 27 to begin a 12-week basic law enforcement course.

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Police increase for New Year's

As the holiday season hits its apex this weekend with New Years Eve Friday night, Antioch Police Chief Chuck Fagan said police will have an eye out for the increased number of drunk drivers that tend to come with the event.

"We make sure on the holidays that we always have a full crew," Fagan said. "Generally most police departments find that during the Christmas season things slow down a bit. But we're still vigilant for excessive drinkers and revelers and we make sure people feel safe."

During Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, Fagan said a "full compliment' of officers were on the clock, including a "power shift" from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day, meaning an extra patrolman would be working.

While Fagan said things were generally uneventful on Christmas, he acknowledged the need for extra attention to the roads on New Year's Eve and Day.

"The New Year's holiday is when we are the most vigilant," Fagan said. "One of biggest focuses is traffic during New Years. We just make sure we have a full compliment out there, generally more than we normally would. We make sure at minimum we're at full strength on every shift."

SLIPPERY WHEN FROZEN



Photo by John Dickson

A frozen pond adds some slippery winter entertainment for (left to right) Devonte Miller, 13, Tom Patton, 14, Cameron Nokes, 14, and TJ Mahoney, 12, all from Antioch. Despite the subzero wind-chill the frozen pond managed to entertain the boys.

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ARTIST

Okamoto said children were particularly responsive to the presentation.

"The children gathered around the painting to sing 'Happy Birthday to Jesus,'" he said.

The imagery in Adcock's paintings is understandably appealing to young eyes. Her works are imbued with contemporary human images set against lush backgrounds, with brilliant colors and a glowing light, usually in the center of the painting.

The painting she "completes" during the Christmas services will be complete only in the sense of color applied to all the figures, but the details that add dimension and make the figures "pop" will not be finished until late January.

Almost as if to illustrate the axiom of finding blessings in adversity, Adcock's use of vivid colors is actually a device to help her negotiate a physical liability.

"I can't see out of my right eye," she said. "My vision, if it could be measured in that eye, would be something like 20/800. I have no depth perception."

Adcock said the problem is so severe, that she occasionally drops a cup because she can't judge where the table ends and air begins.

"I focus on color to create depth," she said. "That's how I see depth."

The 48-year-old painter developed her spontaneous style between 1988-96, when she was touring Russia. There, she painted numerous images of refugees, students and workers. The series raised funds to provide humanitarian relief shipments for peasants and orphans in Russia.

This led to Adcock founding a charitable organization, Arts for Relief and missions, Inc. (ARM).

The organization is now working to train young Christian artists and musicians to use their gifts to help others.

As Adcock discovered her commitment to Christianity, she also found a need to express it in monumental paintings. Her "Garden Series" consists of modern depictions of Biblical themes. It began with "Out of the Presence," a painting showing the expulsion of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, and includes images of events and allegories.

Some are immediately recognizable, such as "The Arrival of Jonah at Ninevah," depicting old Jonah falling out of the mouth of a large orange fish.

Others require a deeper knowledge of scripture, such as "A Reading from the Book of Isaiah," showing resurrected souls sitting on their own graves "trying to figure out why they are here."

Adcock's work distinguishes itself from most religious art in its innate sense of humor, and its contemporary and playful approach to traditional themes. It interprets and makes religious imagery accessible to the masses in the early 21st century in the same way the art of Michelangelo made religious themes accessible to the sensibilities of the masses in the early 16th century.

The Christmas presentation at Hope Community church was the first one for the young congregation, founded in March. However, it was not the first spontaneous painting event in a church for Adcock. She has created her live oil paintings during Good Friday services at Chicago's Moody church and other locations.

Her work has also appeared as murals and altarpieces.

(Hope Community Church meets at the new Lakes Community High School auditorium on Grass Lake Road at Deep Lake Road in Lake Villa. For more information, call 847-265-0551.

ARM will be starting a Christian Artist and Musician Fellowship, 10:30 a. m., on the second Saturday morning of each month, beginning in February. For information, call Pastor Ed Adcock or Rosemarie Adcock at 847-356-7712 or visit the web site at www.arminc.org.)

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AFD releases tips for ice travel

Now that the winter cold has fully taken over in Lake County, the Antioch Fire Department has released some tips for staying safe if traveling on the ice of the many frozen lakes in the village.

With the rapid drop in temperatures in recent weeks the local bodies of water have started to freeze and, while the ice is starting to form, it is important to remember the recommended minimum thickness for travel on foot is five inches of new clear ice for snowmobiles and ATV's.

"These thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice," Chief Dennis Volling said. "Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe."

Some factors that can change ice thickness include flocks of waterfowl and schools of fish. By congregating in a small area, fish can cause warmer water from the bottom towards the surface, weakening or in some cases opening large holes in the ice.

The Fire Department provides the following information to insure everyone going onto the ice has a safe and enjoyable time. Below are some general rules to follow:

No ice should be considered safe.

As a general rule it takes 4 inches of clear solid ice to support a person on foot, 5 inches for a snowmobile and over 12 inches for a small vehicle. Keep in mind that ice can vary on the same body of water within a 10-foot space.

Check with local bait shops, resorts, etc as to the current ice conditions, and where historically the water does not freeze.

Carry a cell phone in a watertight bag, so you can call 911 in an emergency.

When Ice-skating on a lake, make sure there is an adult present, and wear a helmet.

Obey posted warning signs; if a sign says "Keep Off."

If you see an animal on the ice, this does not mean it is safe to walk on. Cats, dogs, etc., are much lighter than people.

Below are four things to focus on for planning an outing onto the ice:

Physical Condition—you should be able to under go sustained periods of physical exertion if an emergency arises-either falling through the ice and self rescue or rescue of another person.

Clothing—Clothing should obviously protect you from cold, however it should allow for freedom of movement, so if you did fall through the ice you could swim or stay afloat. Hipboots and waders should never be worn, as they can fill with water, restricting movement and adding weight. A life jacket should be worn, either inflatable or naturally buoyant.

Equipment—Items for testing ice thickness, items for rescue, self-rescue, first aid kit. In the first category a heavy ice chisel or augur should be used. As for Self-rescue, include with your PFD a bag of floatable rope in a bag and ice rescue picks which can be found at a local fishing store. These picks thread through your jacket very similar to those mittens used in kid's jackets.

Procedures

- Never go onto the ice alone
- Always let someone know of your plans, and when you will return
- Listen for Loud cracks or booms coming from the ice. In a river, this can mean the ice is about to break up or move.
- When entering onto the ice, vigorously probe ahead with an ice chisel, if the chisel ever goes through carefully turn around and re-trace your steps back to shore.
- When traveling with anyone, keep ten feet between you and the next person, this prevents you from falling in at the same spot.

In an an emergency, call 911 immediately. The sooner the 911 system is activated, the sooner help will be on the way. The longer you delay, the longer it may take.

Stay calm and try and calm and assure the person in the water.

Don't run up to the hole, the ice was weak; you too could end up a victim.

If you don't have a rope, you can use something from the shore, such as jumper cables, ski's or even a small boat to push out in front of you.

Always have someone who has been in the water checked out by medical personnel. People who are subjected to cold-water immersion may appear fine, however they can suffer "after-drop" which occurs when cold blood that is pooled in the body's extremities starts to circulate again as the victim starts to re-warm.

Anyone needing further information should contact the Antioch Fire Department at 847-395-5511.

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I really like living in a small town.

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My favorite movie:
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My favorite music:
Monday's Hero, Voka in the French Room, AC/DC, Rancid

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My favorite foods:
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BIRTHS

Tyler Michael Pence, a son, was born Nov. 18 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Brian and Sheri Pence of Zion. his sister is Cristina age 22 months. Grandparents are Ken and Monick Sobecki of Beach Park and Bob and Sandra Pence of Gurnee.

Andrew John Keller, a son, was born Nov. 19 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to James and Tiffany Keller of Antioch. Grandparents are Ken and Kathy Wohlford of Rockford, Mich.; Gerald and Shirley Keller of Gordon, Wis. Great grandparents are Roy and Kay Wohlford of Cadillac, Mich. and Margaret Dmytro of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Anjika Chandra Bhatnagar, a daughter, was born Nov. 20 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Dipa and Amit Bhatnagar of Hainesville. Grandparents are Saraswati and Hari Lal Thakkar of Orland Park and Chandra and Dr. Ramesh Bhatnagar of Hainesville.

Oscar Davila, a son was born Nov. 19 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Cintya Gutierrez of Park City. Grandparent is Leticia Macias of Round Lake.

Rhea Douglas Campbell, a son, was born Nov. 16 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Ross and Katie Campbell of Mundelein. Grandparent is Geraldine Slaughter of Green Valley, Ariz.

Jacob Christopher Mosier, a son was born Nov. 19 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Daniel and Karen Mosier of Wildwood. His siblings are Nicole 12 and Jessica 2. Grandparent is Virginia Mosier of Wildwood.

Preston Marshall Moland, a son, was born Nov. 16 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Mary Kay Harrington and Thomas Moland of Round Lake Beach. Grandparents are Jim and Debbie Harrington of Round Lake Beach; Nancy Beconovich and Thomas Moland of Waukegan. Great grandparents are Kay Sauve of Minneapolis, Minn.; Don Sauve of Minneapolis, Minn.; Charles and Mary Williams of Winchester, Ind. and Marvin and Ruth Clouse of Muncie, Ind.

Julie Isabel Nambo, a daughter, was born Nov. 17 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Julio and Maria Nambo of Mundelein. Her siblings are Michael 5 and Isaac 2. Grandparents are Margarita Bolanoz of Mundelein; Angel Lopez of Mundelein; Manuel Nambo of Mundelein; and Lilia Manjarrez of Chicago.

Conner James Lower, a son, was born Nov. 14 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Stacey and William Lower of Waukegan. Grandparents are James and Jeanette Allard of Beach Park; Dolores Lower of Waukegan. Great grandparents are James and Darlene Butter of Chicago; James and Betty Lewis of Chicago; Manuel and Anna Dedarosa of Waukegan and Emily and William Lower of Stone Lake, Wis.

Wescott Isaac Reed, a son, was born Nov. 15 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville to Michael and Michelene Reed of Waukegan. His siblings are Kirsten 15, Nettie 15, Abigail 12, Hikeem 12, Sherrod 9 and Timothy Raukin 22 months. Grandparents are Loren Berkness of Minneapolis, Minn. Doris Bakkey of Minneapolis, Minn. and Russell and Nancy Reed of Ypsilanti, Mich.

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CALENDAR

Friday, December 31

Dec. 31-Jan. 1, Antioch Public Library will be closed for the New Year's holiday. Visit antiochdistrictlibrary.org or call 847-395-0874 for more details.

Saturday, January 1 Happy New Year!

Sunday, January 2

7-9 p.m., Open gym Sundays at Antioch Community High School, cost $2, adults only.

Monday, January 3

12:45 p.m., Bingo held Mondays at The Antioch Senior Center. Call 847-395-7120 for details.

7 p.m., Sub-committee meetings of the Antioch Village Board held first Mondays. Committee meetings of the whole follow at 8 p.m. in the Board Room, Antioch Village Hall, 874 Main St.

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearses Mondays at ACHS. Call Debbie Davis at 847-395-0272 to learn more.

1 p.m., Prairie Pioneers #1081, an organization for the study of antiques and the preservation of heritage, meets in a private home. Call 847-223-4001.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Camera Club meets at Gurnee Senior Citizen Center Washington St. and Almond Rd., Gurnee. Call 847-856-1583.

7 p.m., Adult Children of Alcoholics support group meets in Libertyville. For more details, call 847-362-2110 or visit www.acoa-libertyville.org.

Tuesday, January 4

Noon, Kiwanis Club of Antioch meets Tuesdays at the Double Eagle Restaurant. Kiwanis is about "Serving the Children in Our Community." The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Please call Melissa at 847-489-8044 or e-mail her at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.

6-8 p.m., Bariatric Treatment Centers hosts a dance and exercise class at Antioch Senior Center (downstairs), 817 Holbeck Dr (behind fire station. Call Karen at 847-395-6244 to learn more.

6:45 p.m., Bingo Tuesdays, Antioch VFW, doors open 4:30 p.m. Call 847-395-5393 for more info.

7-8 p.m., Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call 847-356-6181.

7-9 p.m., Stepmoms Offering Support to Stepmoms meets Tuesdays in the Grayslake area. Call Tina at 847-543-4768 for details.

7:30-9 p.m., The Human Condition Group of Marijuana Anonymous meets at CLC in Grayslake. Call Joe at 262-862-6244 for more details.

7:30 p.m., Lake County Coin Club meets first Tuesdays at Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave. in Waukegan. For info., call Les at 847-662-1955.

Wednesday, January 5

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups for women who are victims of physical, emotional or psychological abuse. Meetings held Wednesdays in Round Lake area. Call 847-249-4450 to learn more.

7 p.m., Northern Lake County Quilter's Guild meets at Millburn Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd., Millburn. Call Madelyn at 847-587-4599.

7 p.m., NAMI of Lake County general meeting held at State Bank of the Lakes, 50 Commerce Drive, Grayslake. Free, open to the public. Families, friends, consumers and those interested in learning more about mental illness, treatment and recovery are welcome to attend. Refreshments.

Thursday, January 6

11 a.m., LV Twp. AARP Chapter #3978 board meets first Thursdays at Twp. Offices Community Room.

7 p.m., The Lakes Area Artisans chapter of the Stencil Artisans League meets in Southern Lake Co. For information, call Carol 847-223-5155.

7 p.m., American Sewing Guild group, "Running in Stitches," meets first Thursdays. Please call Janet at 265-7932 or Chris at 847-548-8223.

9:30-11 a.m., Lake County Council for Seniors, meets at State Bank of the Lakes, Grayslake. Call 847-367-0087 for information.

Friday, January 7

7-9 p.m., Divorced or separated support group, free childcare, held at Calvary Christian Center, 134 Monaville Rd., Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181.)

7 p.m., "A Way Out," an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for gays, lesbians and straights, meets in Libertyville. Call (email) Linda West at 847 735-1230 (Lcwest1@yahoo.com) for details.

Saturday, January 8

8:30 a.m., Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meets in Gurnee. Call Chuck 847-362-5458.

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ENGINEER

Fujihara will make $75,000 per year with three weeks of vacation. Probst also asked the new engineer if he would move to Antioch, to which Fujihara agreed. The village will grant him $2,000 for moving expenses.

Probst said Fujihara was a last-minute candidate.

The administrator said he had narrowed the search down to two other candidates. But he explained that he ran into several problems while checking both of their resumes, which led to his interview with Fujihara.

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FWA

spring. The budget is now in the public comment stage, or temporary budget.

Public comment was on the agenda before the FWA Board voted on the budget,

The budget, in its early form, called for $2,971,850 in income, with $1,425,000 from user fees. Costs include $618,975 for salaries and wages, $35,000 for overtime and $4,000 for on-call bonus. Legal fees are budgeted at $125,500 board expenses.

The board voted to move forward to formally acquire what is known as L-10 property for storage buildings off Grass Lake Road. The state funded project has a budget of $834,000.

Approved a contract with Hay & Associates for wetland planting for the Geotube project for $25,000 that will be reimbursed.

Discussed the Wisconsin Southern Railroad bridge revisions. "Director Bill Bjorkman will be working on it, because th railroad did not respond to our initial request," Ruttendjie said.

Heard a request from residents living along Petite Lake for a raft area. The matter was referred to the citizens advisory commission, which meets Jan. 6 in Fox Lake.

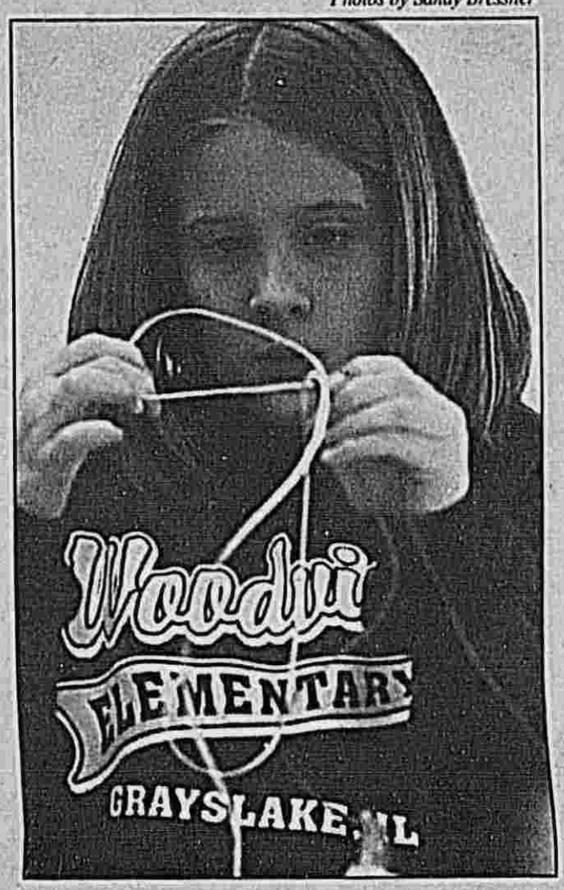
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KIDS DAY OFF



Photos by Sandy Bressner

(above) Nine-year-old Payton Stepler of Ingleside plays a friendly game of chess as 10-year-old Kyle Radloff of McHenry looks on during the Kids' Day Off program at the Camp Duncan YMCA in Ingleside. The day camp is available throughout the holiday break, as well as on most other school holidays. (right) Kayla Camburn, 8, of Grayslake concentrates on the bracelet she is making.



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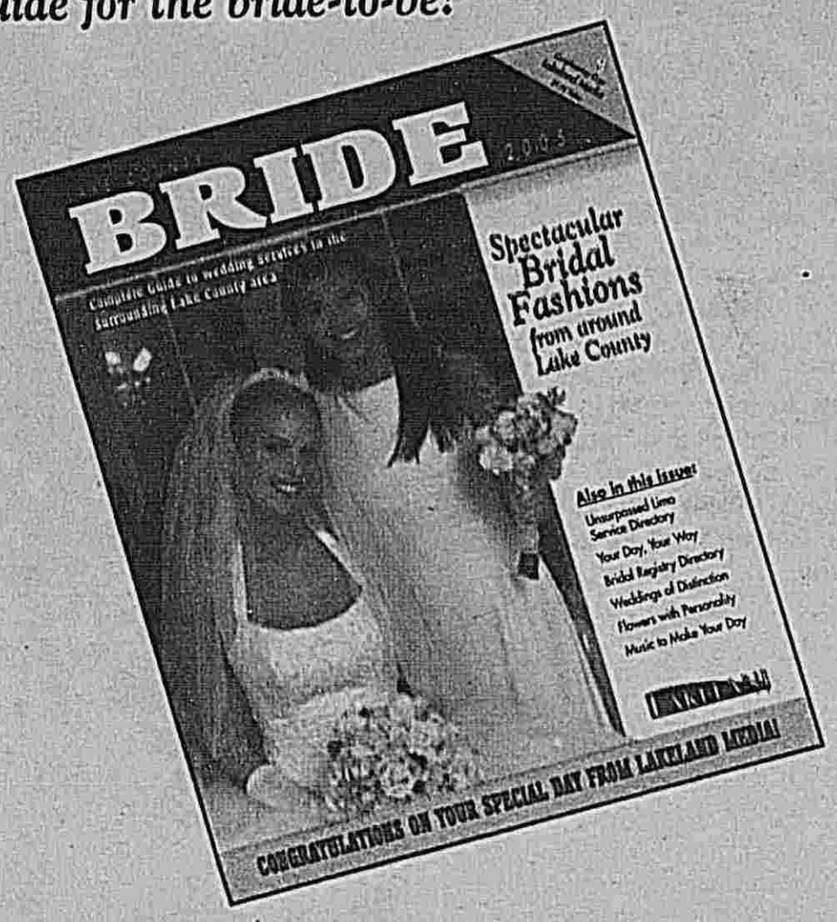
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PUZZLING OVER IT



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Dane Karasek, 1, and his dad Nate Karasek, both from Antioch, work on a puzzle, while visiting the Antioch Public Library District. To help pass the time and avoid the frigid weather, a visit to the library made a good father and son activity.

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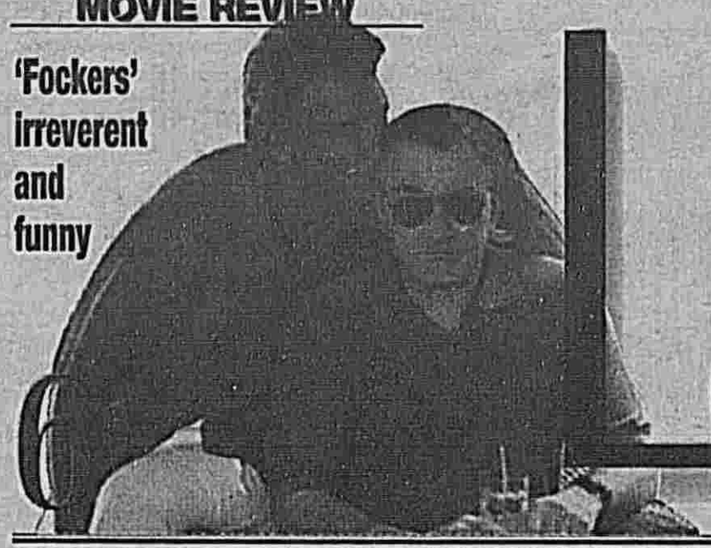
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

SPECIAL EVENT

Open casting call for reality shows

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It was not home, but the holiday party provided by the Round Lake High School National Honor Society brought smiles to the faces of Great Lakes students who where unable to make it home for the holidays due to training.

Students serve Sailors

By JEFF ZACHARY
Staff Reporter

Photos by John Dickson



Above, Kaylin Humrickhause, a sophomore, serves up holiday cheer and candied sweet potatoes to Rodney Kluessendorf, a student at Great Lakes. Upper right, Amber Burke, (left) and Eren Haurilak (right), both sophomores, treat students from Great Lakes to a game of Cranium.

For the second year in a row, the Round Lake High School National Honor Society students served a holiday dinner to more than 100 sailors from the Naval Station Great Lakes.

"It's a great day for all of the sailors," said Master Chief Jesse Shelby. "You have no idea what an impact it has on these sailors. And you know what is really cool about this year is that the school sent out four buses to the base to pick the sailors up."

Greeting the sailors as they got off the buses were members of the National Honor Society and Round Lake School District 116 Chief Executive Officer Dennis Stonewall.

After talking to each sailor, Stonewall said, "I think we have sailors here from 42 of our states, and sailors from the Phillipines, Guam, Cuba and the Dominican Republic."

It didn't take long for the students and sailors to become friends as Roy Pedersen, 18, a seamen apprentice from St. Petersburg, Fla., and Christina Dahmen, 16, a junior at Round Lake High, took a turn together on the Dance Dance Revolution video game as soon as the sailors entered the school.

"It's a lot of fun," Dahmen said. "I saw him walk down to the game and decided to accompany him."

Pedersen agreed with Dahmen that the game was fun. "I'm one of the people who doesn't get of the base very much and this is a good thing they are doing for us," Pedersen said.

Also joining in the festivities were students Melissa Fernandez, 16, and Jason Zissman, both juniors at Round Lake.

Zissman said that it took months to plan the holiday party and that the community was very supportive, and that his teacher Mrs. Catherine Prendergast said she was very impressed that the staff at the high school had donated more than 100 phone cards to give to the sailors.

One of the four volunteer bus drivers for the event was Janet Maher, who has two children in the military including Sean Maher, 19, who is currently serving in Fallujah, with the First Battalion, Third Marine 81st Division.

Maher said she was overcome with emotion while watching the students care for the sailors and commented, "Round Lake is continuing to humble me to my knees."

Senior Chief Boatswain Mate Larry Verjinski, 40, is a 1982 graduate of Round Lake High School and he just came back from a nine-month tour of duty off the coast of Iraq aboard the USS Tortuga and admitted he feels a little nervous when serving off the coast of Iraq. Verjinski has been in the Navy for 20 years and is also a veteran of Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He was also with the strike group that bombed Libya under President Ronald Reagan's administration during the 1980s.

Verjinski is a teacher at Great Lakes.

"I went around yesterday and talked to all of the students (sailors) and told them how important it is and that they realize that the community appreciates what they have done and what they are about to do. For the most part these kids have only been in the Navy for four to five months at the most. All of these young sailors are about to go to their ships and do tremendous things. Some of them will be going overseas and some of them will be heading right over to the Gulf," Verjinski said.

"We appreciate what the Round Lake students are doing for us. This is something special to be able to come here and enjoy this with the students from the high school. This high school set me in the right direction," Verjinski said.

Also seen at the event was 2004 Round Lake High School graduate Heather Clark who last year came up with the idea for the holiday party.



Returning from last year's party was also Paul Jensen, a 2004 graduate, who once again played Santa Claus.

Musical entertainment at the party included the Round Lake High School Panther Voices Choir and a musical band called Lost and Confused.

Members of the group include: Nick Green, a 2003 graduate; Jesus Landeros, a 2004 graduate; Martin Landeros, a senior and Danny Ortiz, who is also the co-president of the National Honor Society. The other co-president is John Krahnke who spent most of the day, with other students helping to cook the 35 turkeys for the sailors.

Lindsay Lang, 19, a 2004 graduate, came back to help her sister Whitney Lang cook turkeys.

Brittnay Winters, 18, a 2004 graduate of Round Lake High School, was also at the party but this time as a sailor.

"I love being in the Navy," Winters said. "I think this party is nice. It's pretty cool for the students to do this for the military."

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Pets Corner



Red

Bronzed cutie

Red is a 16-week-old Pit Bull boy that is desperately looking for a forever home. He is a very sweet, typical Pit puppy. "Happy, happy, happy!" are the three most perfect words to describe him. He always wiggles with excitement, and desperately craves the love and affection he has been denied. Red is housebroken and crate trained. He gets along well with other dogs and loves children.



Thumper

Thumpity Thump

Thumper is a very sweet 12-week-old female Pit Bull puppy found in an Aldi's parking lot. She was left in a cardboard box on a very cold day. Thumper is sweet as can be and loves attention. She gets along with other dogs, but can be a bit bossy at times.

Save-A-Pet is located at 31664 N. Fairfield Road, Grayslake. It's closed on Tuesday, open 1-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-8 p.m. on Thursday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 847-740-7788 or go to www.save-a-pet-il.org.



Checkmate

Bishop is about a year old Pit Bull Terrier, is white with fawn markings and about 50 pounds. He is a great dog who has found himself homeless because of an irresponsible owner. This gentleman is great with children and other dogs, but has never been around cats. Bishop is very friendly and a great family pet. He also loves to play ball, but would just as much prefer cuddling with his new owner. Bishop has been well taken care of and is housebroken. He is also very responsible and can be left out of a crate while his owner is gone. Bishop would love a new home with an owner to keep company.

AmStaff, Pit Bull rescued dogs looking for a home



Laura Jastram

BARKIN' UP A TREE

A&S Rescue is a rescue group for American Staffordshire and American Pit Bull terriers to find them new permanent and loving homes and families.

Before any dogs are released to a new family they are spayed or neutered, up-to-date on their vaccines and the family has to be approved. Those interested in adopting must fill out an application and undergo a house visit and a reference check.

A&S started in 2001 by Silvia Simmons. The group started small adopting only about 10 to 20 dogs a year. The group became an official not-for-profit in January of 2003.

Holly Fales currently runs the group and said these breeds of dog are incredibly loyal animals. She said the dogs would much rather spend 10 minutes on the couch with their owner rather than an hour in the backyard. The dogs love attention and quality time with their owner.

The size of the dog is also nice, she said. They are big dogs without being a giant and their short, tight hair makes it possible for people with allergies to have this breed. AmStaffs and Pit Bulls are also very trainable.

On Jan. 15 from 8 p.m. to close, A&S is having a fundraiser to help cover their veterinary costs. The event is at Port Of Blarney, 27843 W. Grass Lake Road, in Antioch. The cost is $5 at the door and the band Barstool Soldiers will be playing. They will have a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle from 8 to 10 p.m. Fales said some dogs might be there early on in the event. A&S is looking for donations to purchase silent auction items or donations of new items for the auction.

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Predictions for the new year

I predict in 2005 that people will find out that President George W. Bush is smarter than he acts.

And I predict that the big multi-million dollar drug companies will finally be called to task for making drugs that are harmful to consumers.

It blows my mind that senior citizens are forbidden to buy their prescriptions from Canada where they are much cheaper because the FDA says they can't guarantee their safety.

Well, where was the FDA these past several years when a lot of us were given prescriptions for Vioxx, Celebrex and Naprosin, which are now linked to an increase in heart-attacks.



Jeff Zachary

FROM A TO ZACHARY

It seems to me that the FDA already can't guarantee the safety of prescription drugs so they might as well open the Canadian borders so we can at least get the drugs cheaper. (Even if they do give us heart attacks).

Another thing I predict is that there will continue to be violence in Iraq even after the so called democratic elections on Jan. 30.

In fact, I predict there will be continued violence in Iraq until the United States gives Iraq back to the Iraqis (oil wells included).

I also predict that the Lake County Board will again fail in their attempt to get a sales tax traffic referendum passed. (Sooner or later the politicians are going to realize that most of us have no more money for increased taxes.)

I also predict that no school tax referendum will pass in any school district in Lake County. (If teachers still think they need more money they can work through the summer months like the rest of society.)

I also predict that there will arise a leader among the Lake County Chiefs of Police Association that will have such a great reputation for honesty and caring that he will defeat Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re in the 2006 general election. (Not that there is anything wrong with Del Re, who has a reputation for being a professional.)

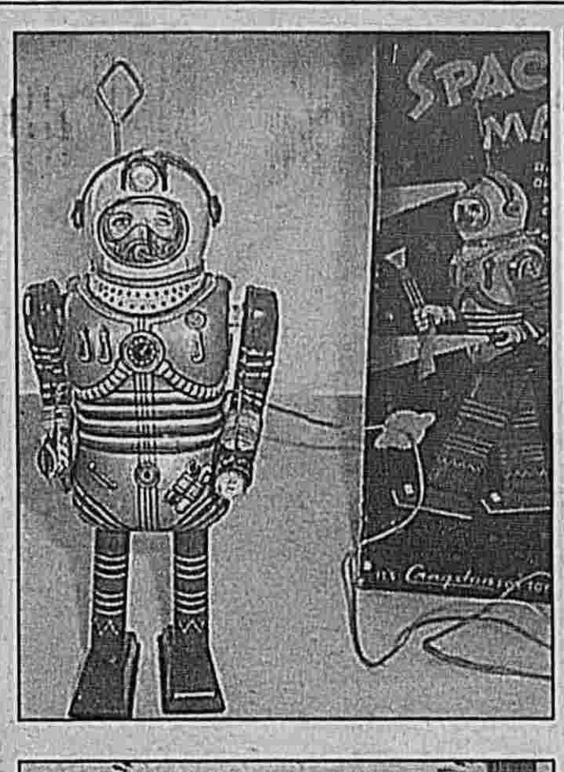
And I predict that Rush Limbaugh will admit that he has been a hypocrite all of these years when he was calling for tougher prison sentences for drug users while all the time he was addicted to oxycodin. Same goes for Bill O'Reilly who gave a woman a huge amount of money to settle a sexual harassment suit while all the time portraying himself like he was a Republican pillar of society. (Sorry Bill, you can't have it both ways.)

And finally I predict that President Bush will fire Donald Rumsfeld and hire John Kerry as Secretary of Defense. (That way nobody will be able to have a bumper sticker that reads "Don't blame me I voted for Kerry.)

You see—Bush is smarter than he acts.

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Representatives of collectors from around the world will be in Waukegan Jan. 5-8 to buy toys of all types.

International Toy Collectors Association brings toy roadshow to Waukegan

The International Toy Collectors Association Toy Roadshow will bring representatives of more than 5,400 toy collectors from all over the world to buy your collections to the Ramada Inn, 200 N. Green Bay Rd. in Waukegan, Jan. 5-8. The hours are 9 a.m to 7 p.m. all four days. There is no charge for admission.

Never before has a group visited this area with more excitement about buying toys! This is the first time the International Toy Collectors Association has set aside $350,000 to buy toys, dolls and trains in the local area.

At the Toy Roadshow, you will find thousands of collectors represented ready to spend money on the spot to buy any and all antique and collectible toys. All toys, whether expensive or ordinary will be purchased. Professional buyers trained by the ITCA will come prepared to give some of the highest offers in the world. A fierce competition takes place for rare, desirable and mint items in their current collection with hard to find toys, dolls, trains, and cast iron banks.

Toys, dolls & trains are very desirable. Some of the sensational prices collectors are paying include: $225,000 for a rare mechanical bank, $65,000 for a 1930s tin windup collection, $24,000 for a 17th century violin, $17,000 for a Barbie doll collection & clothes, $500 for a hot wheel, $5,000 for a 1950s battery toy, $7,000 for a 1920s toy truck, and $20,000 for a Shirley Temple doll collection.

Special for this show only, train sets are in high demand. Never before has there been such a desire for old trains, such as Lionel and American flyer, Ives, Marklin, Lehmann, Buddy L and Bing.

This is a great opportunity for local area residents to sell one piece or entire accumulations of toys, dolls, trains, musical instruments, famous person memorabilia and more right on the spot at the Roadshow.

Visit the new Web site at www.toyroadshow.com.

Tips for bringing items in:

1. Bring in any toy, doll, train, cast iron bank, or any related item.
2. Bring everything before 1970, any condition or quantity.
3. Do not try to clean or alter the condition. Any condition from rusty to mint is welcome.
4. Expect to leave this event with money. Most visitors do.
5. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for some visitor to sell rare items.
6. Sample toys (such as a cast iron toy 1936 Chevrolet) made for store display are highly desirable.
7. Toy collectors love anything famous: Roy Rogers, Superman, Shirley Temple, and Beatles to name a few.

An Epiphany

If the Three Wise Men went into business today they'd make a mint off holiday challenged folks like me. This year I thought I had Christmas licked. I'd streamline operations by buying in bulk and giving everyone the same basket of treats. So much for that idea. My closet is filled with empty baskets, and I'm so stressed I've eaten most of the goodies I did manage to buy. The word "bulk" now only refers to me.

"Three Kings, Inc." could save the day. This trio of road warriors had Christmas down cold. Imagine traveling afar from the Orient during the height of Christmas rush, and still being in time to present just the right gifts to Jesus? I'd certainly fork over my Christmas fund to the Wise Men. Then I could spend more time on what really matters at Christmas.



Leslie Clazier-Werner

LES ON LIFE

For me, that means putting up and decorating the Christmas tree. I really missed doing this last year. At the last minute, I ended up sticking our bare Christmas tree in a snow bank as a shameful testament to my time management skills. Luckily, this year one wise young man—my son—had the foresight to put up a spindly, artificial tree, rather than count on mom coming through with the evergreen.

So I took the time to put up our "crazy quilt" collection of ornaments. (As a result, my sincere apologies to those I "gifted" with items on hand, like a Burger King Sponge Bob Squarepants wristwatch, or the stuffed frog that sings "Jingle Bells".)

First I hung the ornaments that marked the passing years, such as: a 1978 miniature coo coo clock with spinning Hansel and Gretel that pretty well sums up my marriage; two stuffed bears recalling the year we adopted our boys: and a delicate, porcelain baby ornament commemorating the 1994 birth of our anything but fragile daughter. Funny how dusty ornaments in a battered cardboard box become precious dangling in the reflected glow of Christmas tree lights.

Next, there were the many boxes of homemade ornaments. There's the Star of David my son made in honor of his friend's celebration of Hanukkah, and the clothespin, longhorn cattle we made with dear neighbors in Houston. I also hung the Gingerbread men I made with three young children underfoot. I remember being totally exasperated that the kids wouldn't cooperate. And, at the time, I thought the final product looked like the mayhem that created it. Today I see only perfect memories on our tree.

Now as I view my handiwork, I think I finally have my head on straight. Just as it's said the Three Kings revealed the good news of Jesus to the world, I realize that each year I bungle through another Christmas, I add another reason for joy to our tree.

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Flavors

Blast from the past: Poppy seed cake like grandma used to make

Think pre-food processors and microwave ovens and you get an idea where Maureen Fischer is coming from in the recently published "Retro Baking: 100 Classic Contest Winners Updated for Today" (Collectors Press Inc.).

Fischer's walk back in time resurrects some "golden oldies" popular right after World War II. The slim volume covers breads and rolls, savory baking (including parmesan cheese chops and bacon-spinach pie), cookies, cakes and pies. The photos and illustrations will warm a nostalgia lover's heart.

Her recipes eschew boxed cake mix and canned frosting in favor of the cooking-from-scratch approach of yesteryear. Poppy seed cake fans will find enjoyment in the version Fischer includes.



Tom Witom

COOKING BY THE BOOK



Poppy Seed Cake

1/3 cup poppy seeds
1/2 cup milk
2 cups all-purpose flour
3 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. Salt
3 egg whites (reserve 2 yolks for filling)
1 1/4 cups sugar
1/3 cup shortening
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 tsp. vanilla
Sprinkling of powdered sugar
Filling (recipe follows)
Topping (recipe follows)

Filling:
1 1/2 cups milk, divided
2 Tbl. butter
1/3 cup all-purpose flour
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. salt
2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1 tsp. vanilla

Topping:
3/4 cup whipping cream
3 Tbl. sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla
1/4 tsp. cinnamon

Grease and flour two 8-in. round cake pans. In small bowl or cup, soak poppy seeds in milk. In small mixing bowl beat egg whites until stiff and still moist. In another bowl cream together sugar and shortening. Add vanilla to cream and add to sugar-shortening mixture, alternating with dry ingredients; mix well after each addition. Stir in poppy seed-milk mixture. Carefully fold in egg whites until thoroughly mixed. Pour into cake pans and bake at 375 degrees 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from pans and cool. Spread filling between layers and sprinkle top with powdered sugar.

To make filling: In medium saucepan heat 1 cup milk and butter. In small mixing bowl blend together flour, sugar and salt. Add remaining 1/2 cup milk; stir well. Add mixture to hot milk-butter mixture and cook over medium heat until thick, stirring constantly. Blend a little of the hot mixture into egg yolks and then add yolks to hot mixture. Continue cooking approximately 2 more minutes, stirring constantly. Cool, then add vanilla; mix thoroughly.

To make topping: In small mixing bowl beat whipping cream until thick. Stir in sugar, vanilla and cinnamon.

Food service program open house at CLC

An information session on the College of Lake County's food service management (FSM) and culinary arts program will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 10, in the Willow Room (C001) on the Grayslake Campus.

Clifford Wener, FSM coordinator, will review CLC's food service program, which provides technical training in food preparation, food operations and food service management. The program is designed for individuals who are interested in starting their own business, or pursuing careers as chefs and cooks, or managers of catering services, restaurants or institutions.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for the open house, call 847-543-2041.

Health-e-Recipes offer kitchen inspiration

New e-mail service provides recipes for better health

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Sweet Potato Chili with Peanuts

2 Tbsp. canola oil
1 onion, chopped
2 peeled carrots, sliced thin
1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
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2-4 (or more, or none, as desired) peeled garlic cloves
4 cups peeled sweet potatoes, cut in bite-size chunks
1 1/2 cups unsalted roasted peanuts
1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes
1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
2 cans (4 oz each) chopped green chiles, with liquid
2-4 Tbsp. chili powder, or according to taste
1 Tbsp. ground cumin, or more if desired
1 Tbsp. sugar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
5 cups cooked brown rice (optional)

Place the oil in a large, heavy pot over medium heat. Add the onions, carrots and bell peppers, and sauté lightly for about 8 minutes. Add the garlic and sauté until it turns golden. Add the sweet potatoes, peanuts, tomatoes, tomato paste, chiles, chili powder, cumin and sugar.

Reduce the heat immediately and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 15 to 25 minutes, or until the sweet potatoes are just tender (use a fork to test it). Halfway through the cooking process, adjust seasonings, adding additional chili powder and cumin, as desired. Add salt and pepper to taste.

You can serve this chili alone or over cooked brown rice. Try it with some light sour cream, onions, or reduced-fat cheddar cheese sprinkled on top.

This recipe can be frozen for later use, or you can feed your whole team at once.

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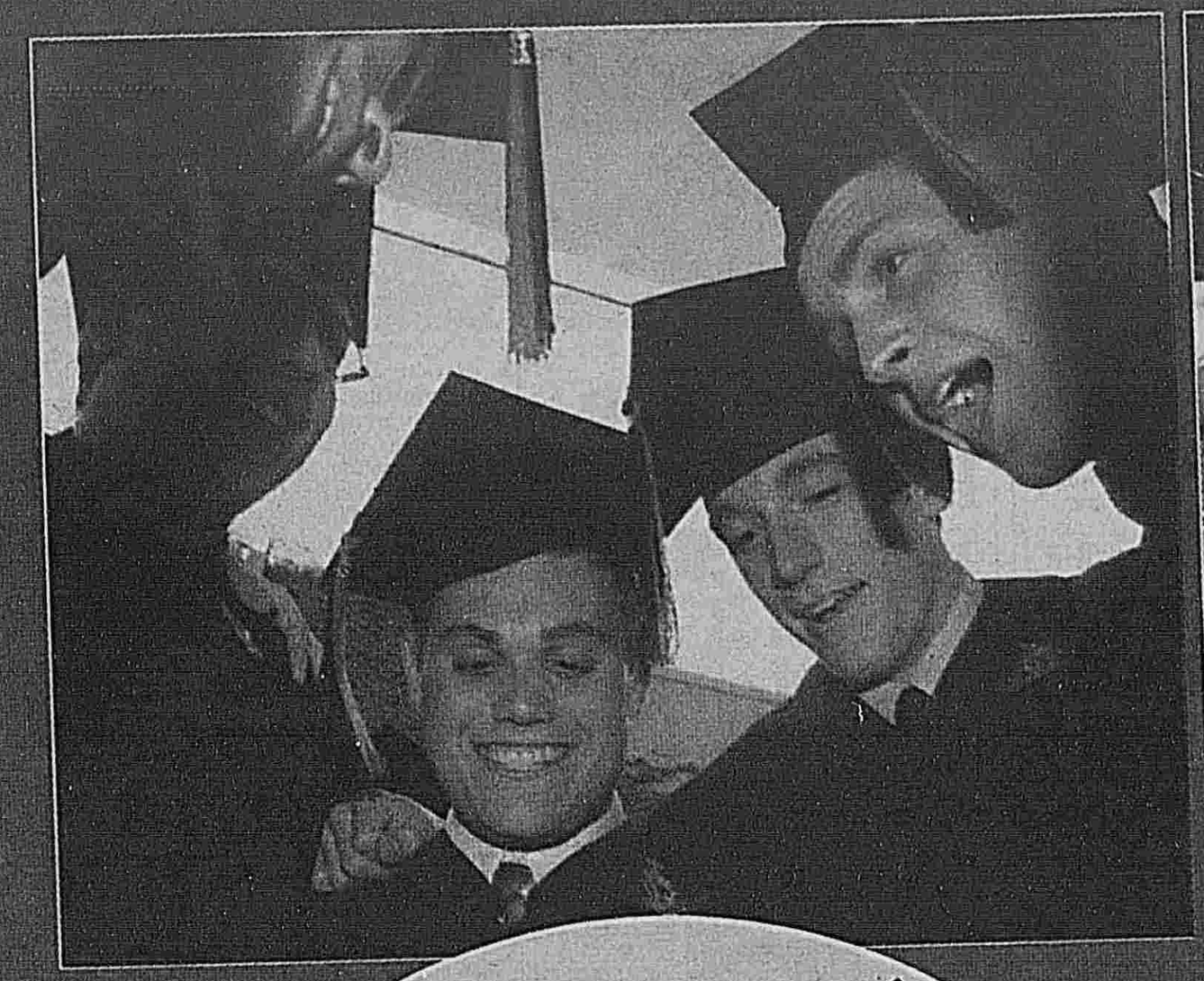
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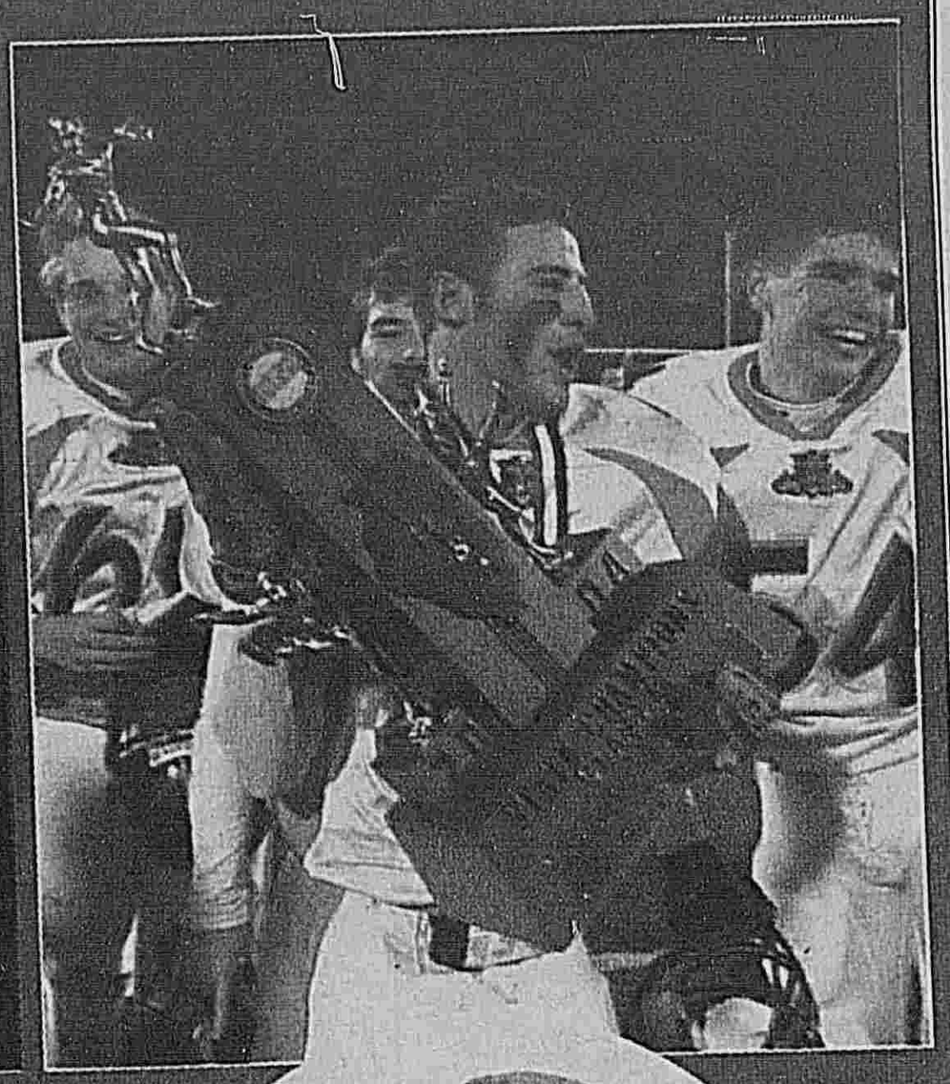
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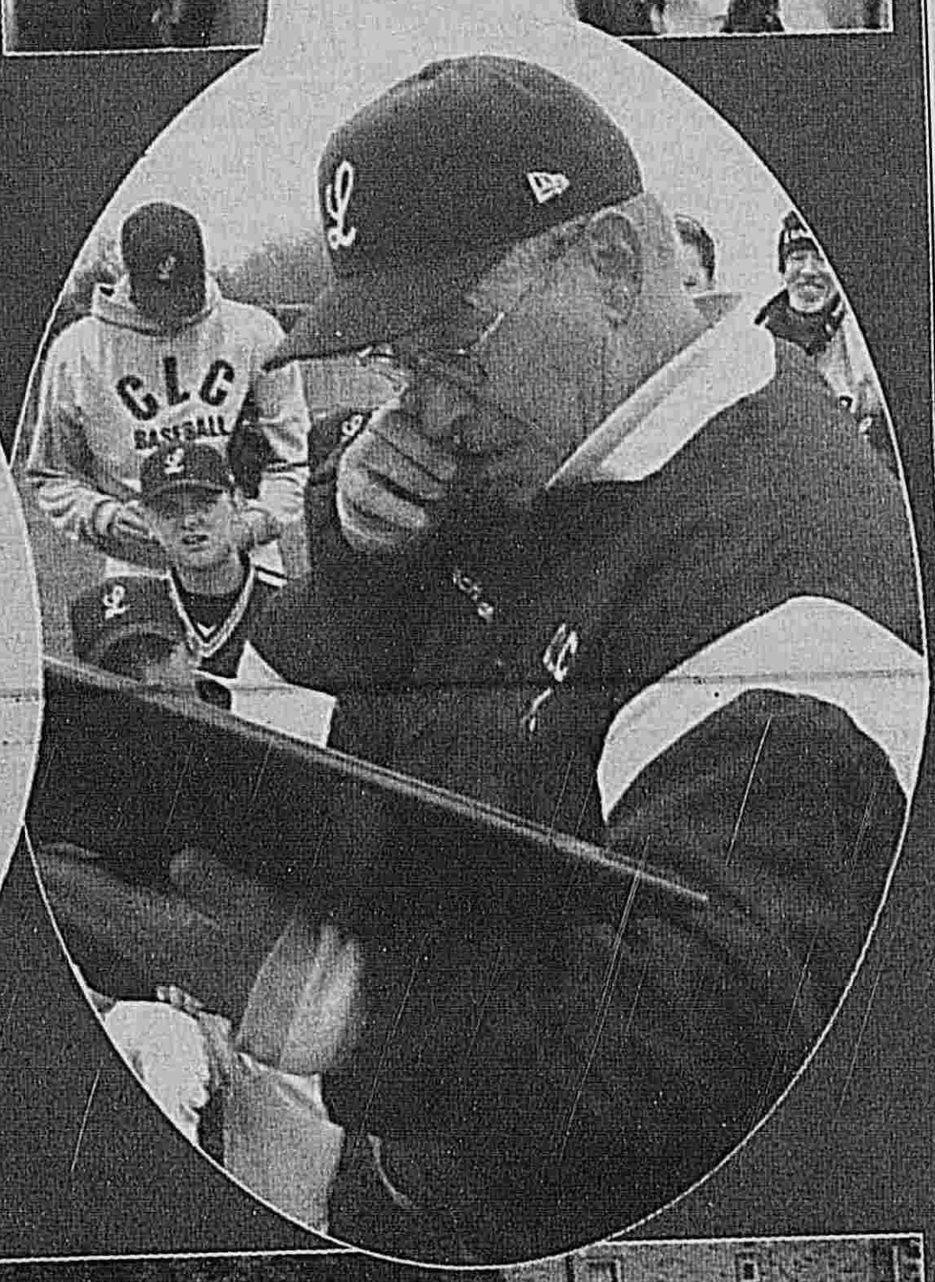




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School counselor faces child porn charges—Sept. 17

Timothy P. Noonan, 53, of 90930 N. Gridley Drive, Antioch, was arrested on Sept. 10 at 2:15 p.m. at Antioch Community High School where he has been a guidance counselor for the past 30 years. He was charged with the unlawful possession of child pornography for images found on a home computer.


Noonan

Antioch Police Chief Chuck Fagan said the owner of a local computer repair shop called his department when pornographic images were found on Noonan's computer, which had been brought for files to be moved onto CDs. He said multiple images were found of children in various stages of undress.

'Bad Ass' kicked—Nov. 26

A final blow was served up to Tony Liotta, the Lindenhurst resident who wanted to open a Bad Ass Coffee franchise shop, when his lease was terminated with Great Lakes Principals (GLP), the developer of the Wal-Mart complex.

Though Tim Barrett, a partner with GLP, did not return phone calls to explain exactly what clause in the lease allowed him to terminate the contract, the lease was reportedly terminated.

Martini wins handily —Nov. 5

Clever campaign signs weren't enough to sway voters to unseat Judy Martini (R-Antioch) from the Lake County board in District 1. The incumbent took slightly more than two-thirds of the vote beating Spiro Georgeson 69 percent to his 31 percent.

As the vote tallies were coming in, Georgeson said, "I have a good feeling about this. If we do win, I'm going to make good on my promise to find an office here in Antioch to open up to the public."

Georgeson's supporters delivered 4,249 votes to the candidate. Martini brought in 9,351 votes.

When life's the 'pits'...—Feb. 6

When life's the "pits," it's good to have a friend. When it's the life of a much-maligned breed of dog commonly referred to as pit bulls, it's good to have a couple.

A and S Rescue was founded in 2000, and since that time has placed 167 dogs. President Holly Fales said, "People have put dogs in this position, and we have to save them from their doom."

Fales and A and S founder Silvia Simmons defend the UKC (United Kennel Club) recognized American Pit Bull Terrier and the AKC (American Kennel Club) recognized American Staffordshire Terrier, as well as the British counterpart the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, for its reliability and good fit as a family dog. Fales refers to these dogs as the "underground family pet," because the reputation of the dogs is so bad that no one wants to admit to owning one.

PWT bites at Chain's lure—April 30

Though it was the big fish that got away in 2004, the Professional Walleye Trail (PWT) was caught by the Chain O'Lakes' lure and will hold its pro-am tournament here April 20-22, 2005.

Twice, the board of directors of the village of Antioch have voted in full support of joining forces with the Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the village of Fox Lake and its Chamber. The four entities will split the costs necessary to bring the tournament here, about $3,500, for the opportunity to stimulate the local economies by millions.

This event marks two big firsts: it's the first time the tournament will be held in Illinois, and it's the first time the villages of Antioch and Fox Lake, along with their respective chambers, have worked together to bring an event of this scope to the area.

'Last frontier' Corridor Council in place – Feb. 27

With Lake County and the villages of Antioch, Old Mill Creek and Wadsworth having signed off on a memorandum of understanding, and the city of Zion expected to within the month, a corridor council is in place to shape and oversee the future development of Route 173 from the east all the way west to McHenry County.

Phil Rovang, director of planning, building and development for Lake County, said that this corridor council was shaped after the one that has been active along Route 12 for six years or more.

"This council has been a year in the making," Rovang said. "It was the county that suggested it, based on the success of the Route 12 Corridor Council, but it was the three villages (Antioch, Old Mill Creek and Wadsworth) that uniformly came together and implemented it."

George Sakas, senior planner for Antioch, said after an initial "mayors only" meeting, Mayor Taso Maravelas urged him to attend staff meetings, representing the village's interests.

"This is sort of the last frontier for Lake County off of I-94," Sakas said. "There is a lot of land to be preserved, and there is a lot of land to be developed. We (Antioch) just spent tens of thousands of dollars for our corridor study, and wanted to make sure it wasn't for nothing."

The goals of the corridor council are to coordinate the use, zoning, development and infrastructure to ensure the aforementioned are in accord about the development along the route, and to set the procedures in place for it to happen.

"There are no boundaries to what this group can do," Rovang said. "It opens up communication and gives individual villages a chance to discuss things that are happening within their areas of control that may affect the others."

Voters sink District 36 boat

Grass Lake School District 36 may drown in financial debt as its Educational Fund tax increase referendum failed with 788 voters, 58 percent, declining to cover the $.60 increase that was sought. For five years the district has been asking for an increase and for five years one has been declined.

Superintendent James Beveridge said, "We'll just have to retool it again for April. The last time there was a large voter turnout, we lost by a few hundred votes, and that has happened to us again."

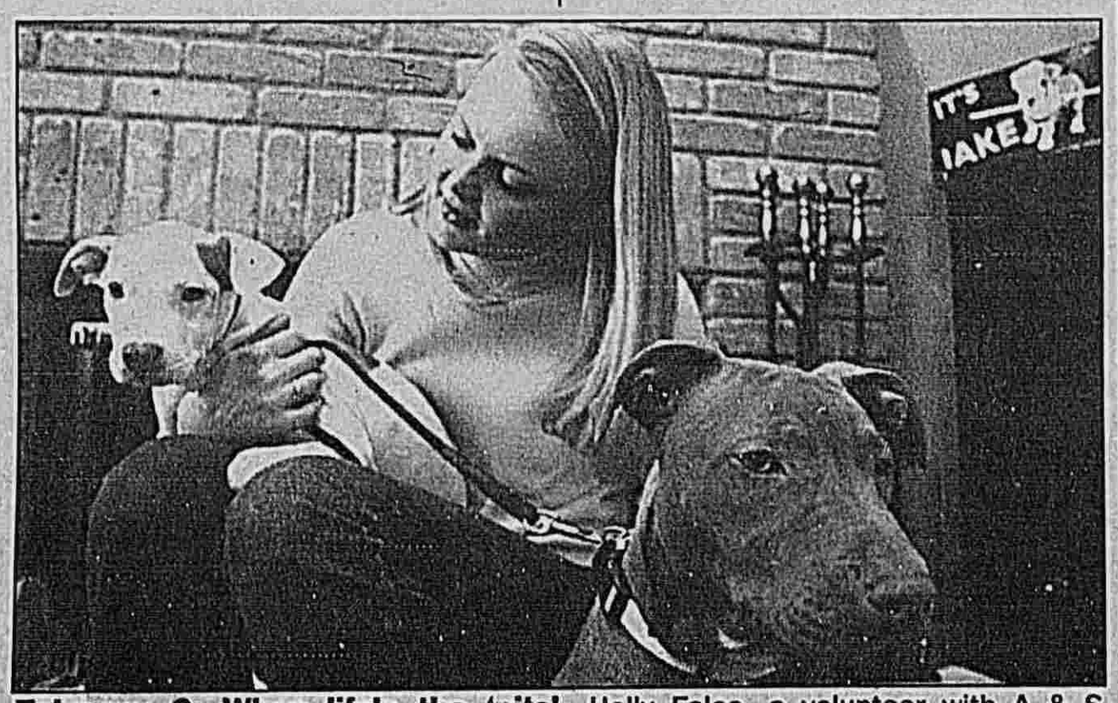
Though 570 voters, 42 percent, supported the tax increase, it wasn't enough to push the measure through. Beveridge said this was the largest number of votes cast in favor the Educational Fund referendum.

He said, "We'll continue to open our doors. We're going to have to keep looking for different funding. We're scratching to find money, and we're just going to have to keep at it."

Currently, at the maximum rate, educational taxes extendible are about $1.5 million. Had the referendum been approved, this would have increased to just over $2 million.

Beveridge, who said he plans to retire at the end of the school year, said he had hoped that he would be able to leave the district with the funding in place.

"We've started the process of looking for a new superintendent, and interviews will probably begin in December," he said. "The person coming in is going to have to have a strong background in finding funding. I've dug a bunch of holes, but the next person is going to have to find where that money is."



February 6—When life's the 'pits'...Holly Fales, a volunteer with A & S Rescue, cuddles pit bulls Josie, 12 weeks, and Belle, 6 months, in her Antioch home.—*Photo by Sandy Bressner*

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2 MEN DIE IN PLANE CRASH

Witnesses say 2-person prop plunged nose-first onto Rollins Road

Reported in the July 30th issue of the Lakeland Newspapers.

Two men die in plane crash

Shannon Tuzzio, a former resident of Lake Villa, saw smoke rising above the overpass of Route 59 while she was traveling on Route 12 towards the Route 59 exit ramp.

"I thought a house was on fire," Tuzzio said.

Marcos Martinez of Ingleside watched the plane crash unfold through the window of his home at the southeast corner of Rollins and Devlin roads.

Martinez said when he looked out the window he saw a Lake County Sheriff's officer approaching the plane when it exploded sending the officer through the air smashing into a nearby fence a few feet away.

Lake County Sheriff Gary Del Re said the deputy injured in the explosion was flown to St. Mary's Hospital burn center in Milwaukee. Del Re reported the deputy is in stable condition, but would not release his name at this time. The deputy was on routine patrol of the area when he responded to the scene, he said.

Death shocks GCHS —July 23

Classmates continue to honor the deceased Elizabeth Willding as the legal process continues.


Willding

School started for the 2004-05 term at Grant High School on Aug. 23, but there was a somber note.

Staff and classmates are trying to cope with the death of one of their own, Elizabeth Willding. Willding, 16, was found dead by her mother at their Ingleside home on July 14. Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Major Crimes Task Force were put in place immediately and within three days, charges were filed against a neighbor.

Meanwhile, a neighbor, Adam Christenson, 21, has been charged with first-degree murder.

Residents stay calm as flood woes continue—June 4

As water problems continued from days into weeks, some residents still were able to philosophize about their woes.

"If you live on the water, it is bound to happen," said Steve Fulk, a Kings Road resident of Fox Lake.

Fulk has been living at his residence for two years before the flood.

"It has just gotten into my crawl space. I was remodeling the inside," he said.

Fox Lake resident Bob Irwin recalled previous floods were worse. He said Washington Street near Munson Marine was completely flooded one year. In the past, the Des Plaines River would flood before the Fox River, he said.

The Memorial Day Weekend came and went with the Fox River and Chain O' Lakes remaining closed.

Gavin wins replacement school bucks—Nov. 26

Gavin School District 37 received good news about funding the new Gavin Central school site.

The Capital Development Board of the State of Illinois released $5,048,532 in emergency funding.

Gavin Superintendent Margaret Fostiak thanked the Lake County legislators for support.

"It is based on a form. They figure in the square footage and the number of students. It is a very precise calculation. During the referendum, we told the voters that the CDB would pitch in $4.8 million, so it was right in line," Fostiak said.

Gavin Central was closed in March due to truss problems and other building woes. It is scheduled to be torn down in favor of a new school at Route 59 and Ridge Avenue.

Hearing start for hotel, water park at Route 12—Dec. 10

Fox Lake Plan Commission members had their first had their first chance to view plans for a Route 12 hotel and water park.

Developer Don Peeples presented plans for Heron Cove Resort, the working name for the 20-acre project at Route 12 near Sayton Road.

"The plan is for 105 rooms and 48 executive suites of the Fox Lake Club. We hope to open by Memorial Day, 2006. There has been a growth four times of the interest in the project since the trauma of the petitions," Peeples said. "People are very excited about how the concert will look like and how the project will operate."

The project also includes a banquet boat of less than 50 tons to be anchored at Pistakee Lake and water park. Discussions are continuing with Illinois Department of Transportation regarding access.

After referendum wins, Dist. 38 talks growth—Nov. 19

Fresh from an Election Day win, Big Hollow School District 38 officials continued to keep the thoughts on future growth.

Voters opted to approve a $29 million referendum to fund two new schools at Fish Lake Road. The district owns 64 acres there, presently site of the Big Hollow Primary School.

"We will speed things up as much as possible," superintendent Ron Pazanin said.

Preliminary discussions are underway, with two meetings held with a board committee and architects. School officials hope to have the two buildings ready by 2006-07. The plan is to eventually sell the route 12 and 134 sites, but that will be decided when a new board of education is elected in April.

"We will welcome input from the Primary School staff because they have been here four years now on what they like and don't like," Pazanin said.

Packed house for start of petition objection moves

The legal maneuvering is underway as objectors are trying to halt a Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) referendum request from making it to the Nov. 2 ballot.

A packed audience appeared at the Fox Lake Electoral Board meeting. A motion by objector Matt Kovar's attorney to have Village Clerk Noel Working removed from the board. That question was expected to be determined at a July 15 continued hearing at Fox Lake Village Hall. Senior trustee Ted Beskow, Working and Mayor Nancy Koske are on the board.

Kovar filed his objections to the petitions on June 29. Kovar is a Fox Lake business owner who supports the proposed hotel and water park by Don Peeples, who is suggesting a TIF.

The Illinois Second Appealate Court Judge ruled that the matter could not be on the ballot. The ballots were printed before the order, but the results not announced.

"I am in favor of the project. It will bring a whole ton of additional visitors to the village, not just in the summer but all year round. I have talked to a number of business owners and many are in favor of it," Kovar said.

Kovar, a Fox Lake resident since 1989, said he has attended village meetings before but not has been involved otherwise politically.

Objectors stated that the petition, signed by more than 600 residents, failed to note a proponent, or main sponsor. Attorney George D. Theophilos while Kovar was represented by attorney Burton S. Odelson represented Pete Jakstas Sr., organizer of the petition drive.

Attorneys on both sides of the issue said the matter would be handled swiftly in court and at this level because it is an election question.

"Their motions caught us completely by surprise. The village attorney knew of them because he had copies. To answer in 24 hours is ridiculous. The residents are very upset, saying, 'what is this village trying to do to us'," Jakstas said.

Cindy Irwin, who backs the effort, questioned the amount of money spent on mailing and other costs. "Why are they fighting so hard against the petitions when they say they do not need it because of a developers' note," Irwin said.

"The petitions were filed in the office of Deputy Clerk Carol Ward. I was only a casual observer," Working said.

Petitioners feel the village residents should vote on whether or not to issue $4,950,000 in bonds of the village of Fox Lake. TIF supporters, including electoral board chair and Mayor Nancy Koske, state this is a $3.5 million loan to the project in the form of bonds, to be repaid by increased real estate taxes imposed on the hotel and water park owners only.

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May 14—Workers from Turner Construction continue work on the new Grayslake High School located on Route 83 at Shorewood Road. The school is expected to open next fall.— *Photos by Sandy Bressner*

New Grayslake campus to welcome freshman this fall—May 14

Grayslake High School District 127 is preparing for the opening of a second high school, which is near its first stage of completion on Route 83 at Shorewood Road in Grayslake. School officials expect the second campus will be ready to house the district's freshman in the fall.

Completion of the building is scheduled for the following fall, 2005, when 1,400 students are expected to attend the new campus.

District 127 serves several communities including parts of Grayslake, Round Lake, Round Lake Beach, Round Lake Park, Third Lake, Lake Villa, Libertyville, Lindenhurst and Hainesville.

The district used the VersaTrans software program to help determine boundaries, which helps accurately distinguish who will attend which school.

Grayslake adds fire station number 2—April 16

Grayslake officials have announced the opening of a new fire station, the village's second, located at the intersection of Brae Loch Road and College Service Drive. Its first day in operation was April 12.

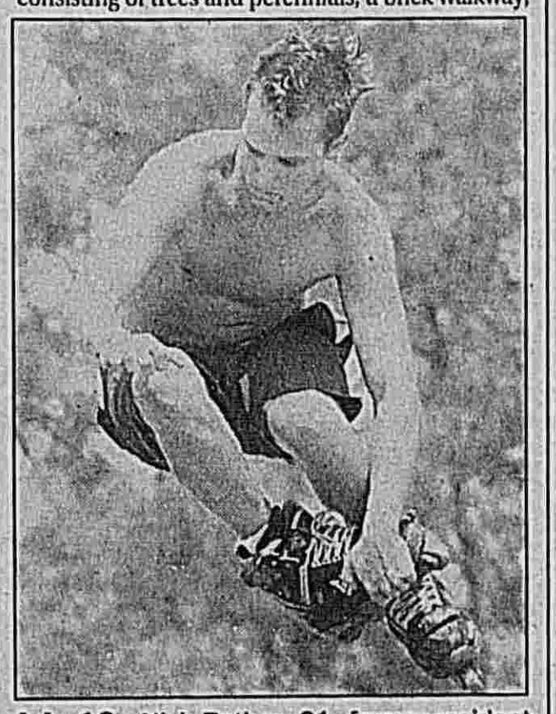
The station will be staffed by three full-time fire fighters/ paramedics 24-hours a day. Village and fire protection district officials say the station was needed to speed up fire response times to the east side of Grayslake as well as Gages Lake, Third Lake and Wildwood.

The village contributed $1.5 million for construction of the 8,000 square foot building. The site is village-owned, and was purchased from CLC.

A perfect tribute—July 16

Grayslake's skate park was recently given a new name that pays a fitting tribute to one of its founders. The park was re-dedicated the Daniel Barry Memorial Skate Park for the 2002 Grayslake Community High School graduate who was killed earlier this year in a traffic accident in California.

Daniel Barry's family and friends, along with Grayslake Park District and village officials all had a part in building a permanent memorial at the park, consisting of trees and perennials, a brick walkway, a sitting wall and a memorial sign, which will serve for years to come as a reminder of Barry's legacy.



July 16—Nick Rother, 21, former resident of Grayslake and currently lives in California, catches some air while inline skating at the Grayslake skate park, which has been dedicated the Daniel Barry Memorial Skate Park. Barry, a close friend of Rother's, was killed last March in a motorcycle accident.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Park District finalizes plans for new park—Nov. 11

Eight months since the Grayslake Park District Board passed a $4 million referendum plans are underway to being construction on a new 95-acre park.

The park is located on Alleghany Road, south of Route 120 in Grayslake and runs from roughly 32255 N. Alleghany to Landscape Concepts at 31711 N. Alleghany and stretches back east all the way to the landfill.

Carl Deal, Park Board president, said after negotiations the park district ended up with 95 acres and money left over. Originally the board was looking to buy 45 acres on that site for the $4 million in referendum dollars, but ultimately got more land for less money.

The total cost of the fields and the seeding and grading to shape the fields is $3.2 million. Deal said this leaves $800,000 to begin purchasing park features.

Three out of four referendums fail District 46

Two separate ballots, four referendums and only one passed.

In April, two failed referendum requests forcing $1.7 million in cuts on Community Consolidated District 46.

Shorter school days, discontinuation of school lunches, reducing special service staff members and cutting art and music programs are among the list of slated cuts.

The district had asked for the endorsement of an education fund tax rate increase and permission to issue a $30 million building bond for a 1,000-student K-8 school building.

In November, a bond issue referendum passed to allow for construction of a new school, but the tax referendum failed.

Grayslake unveils comprehensive plan—July 23

Village officials have unveiled their vision for Grayslake's development over the next 20 years.

The document outlines guidelines for Grayslake's future, and focuses on issues such as limiting residential development, regional transportation, open space and natural resource protection and economic development.

One proposed outcome of the plan is to, over time, generate $32 million in additional annual property tax dollars to fund Grayslake schools. Much of this revenue will come from the proposed Central Range project.

The report estimates Grayslake's current population is 20,330, and projects the village's ultimate population will be 24,295 at full "build out," when all residential homes are completed.

One aspect of the plan is a downtown revitalization project that will include a multi-faceted "Village Center" as a community focal point. A train station is planned for the downtown area as well as more retail development in several spots bordered by Lake Street, Route 83, Park Street and Pine Street, according to Village Zoning Officer Kirk Smith.

Approval on next step for Gages Lake development—Feb. 20

Over four years of controversy over development on Gages Lake is one step closer to being over. Area homeowners and Wildwood Park District officials have reached an agreement with Cambridge Homes and the county on the plan for a 66-unit townhome development, to be build southeast of the intersection of Route 45 and Gages Lake Road in Grayslake.

Although the Lake County board recently approved water and sewer service to accommodate the development, the matter is not finalized.

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Flood of '04—May 21

One of the worst floods in the village's history displaced residents, damaged businesses, shut down roads and schools. But it failed to damper spirits, as residents came together for five days that won't soon be forgotten.

The excitement surrounding the flooding of the Des Plaines River peaked when Gov. Rod Blagojevich, speaking to a crowd in Gurnee, declared Lake County a state disaster area.

Blagojevich had spent parts of the morning touring the flooded area by helicopter. He said he was inspired to the area by hearing stories of how the community came together to help each other during the near-record floods.

The declaration now gives the area an opportunity to receive federal aid, if it is granted, Blagojevich said. It also gives way to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency to coordinate cleanup duties in the area.

The flooding, which was a result of heavy rains late last week throughout the area and in southern Wisconsin, affected 39 residences and a total of 65 structures had taken in water as of Tuesday afternoon, according to the Village.

The water crested at Thursday evening at 11.69 feet. The record for flooding in Gurnee occurred in 1986 when the Des Plaines reached 11.95 feet. This year's flooding was expected to exceed 1986's levels, but never did.

Gurnee Marine dies—April 9

During his short 19-year and 2-month life, WHTS grad and U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Geoffrey Morris, who was killed last weekend in Iraq, had an indelible impact on his family, friends and community.

Morris's father, Kirk Morris, and his stepmother, Vickie Morris, have had countless visitors and phone calls to their Gurnee home in the aftermath of their son's death, which occurred Sunday following a grenade attack in Iraq's Al Anbar province.

Morris graduated from WTHS early, in January 2003, and started boot camp the following June. His father said that although his son driven, he was unfocused after high school. The Marines gave Morris the purpose he needed in life.

Wadsworth Trustee leaves post for personal reasons—Feb. 6

The Village of Wadsworth announced Tuesday night the resignation of Trustee Mary Carmody's. Carmody was elected to the board in April of 2003.



Carmody

Mayor Ken Furlan said he was surprised when Carmody notified the board members of her resignation via e-mail.

Furlan and others assume the pressures of a new job and time limitations led to her departure.

Carmondy recently left her job at the Lake County Sheriff's office to for a position at Lake Forest Hospital in the public relations department, according to Furlan.

Water park coming—Sept. 17

After years of speculation and rumors Six Flags officially announced this week their plans to build a water park next to the company's Great America theme park.

The company broke ground two weeks ago on the Caribbean- themed "Hurricane Harbor," which will occupy 13 acres of land just west of the current theme park, and will be open by spring, said Six Flags Public Relations Manager Michelle Hoffman.

To make space for the water park Six Flags is eliminating parking closest to I-94. But with a resurfacing and repainting of the entire lot, Hoffman said the theme parks would not be losing any spots.

Hurricane Harbor, whose price tag is not being released, will be a stand-alone park, completely separate from the current theme park, Hoffman said.

They will share the main entrance on Route 132, but once guests enter Six Flags Drive they will be separated.

Single day admission prices have not yet been set. Either have season pass prices. Hoffman said she expects season pass prices to be set soon. Great America passes would not be valid at the water park, and vice versa, but the company is planning a combo pass for both parks.

Like Great America, Hoffman said Hurricane Harbor would be an attraction guests could spend all day at.

The water park will feature 25 water slides of different sizes, a one-acre, 500,000-gallon wave pool and a half-mile adventure, or lazy river. It will all be heavily themed Caribbean, Hoffman said.

The announcement of a Six Flags water park comes about eight months after a developer hinted that they wanted to build an indoor water park in Gurnee, as part of a hotel. Unlike the hotel/ water park, Six Flags did not need to clear all zoning issues with the village, because of established agreements, said Dudley Onderdonk, community development director for the village.

Woodland OKs $3 million in cuts

The Woodland District 50 School board voted to accept $3 million in cuts to the district's budget for educational programs, as recommended by a finance committee.

Among the reductions is $37,925 in the Interschool Athletics program, which could result in the district enacting users fees for middle school sport participants.

This would apply only to sports for which teams travel, including sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball, track, basketball, wrestling, softball and cheerleading. There are currently about 600 participants in these programs.

The cuts also call for the elimination of 19 certified staff and 8 support staff positions, of which 16 certified and 7 support positions are currently filled.

No, no, no, no, no - referendum fails again

Gurnee School District 56 was left looking for answers Tuesday night after an attempt at a referendum was rejected for the fifth straight time.

The district's lack of money doesn't just fix itself with a failing of a referendum, said school board president Markham Jeep.

"It's not like a business," Jeep said. "I can choose to buy or not to buy if I'm running a business. I don't have a choice. Kids show up on our doorstep we have to educate them. I see more kids coming and less money. Don't have a choice to lock up the doors and say I'm not doing this anymore."

Jeep was one of about 50 referendum supporters gathered on Election Night, watching results come in, fingers crossed, in hopes that the trends would begin to reverse themselves.

It never happened. 'No' votes outnumbered 'yes' votes by a 52 to 48 percent margin, with nearly 4,000 voters rejecting the referendum.

The rejection wasn't easy to take, said Jeep, but he understands why many may lean that way, particularly in a time of economic uncertainty.

"I understand them," Jeep said about opponents of the referendum.

"It's hard for people. I think a lot of people are afraid. I think you see a lot of people responding out of uncertainty and fear for their futures. It's difficult for people to vote to increase their taxes."

The defeat of the referendum could mean additional cuts for the school district.

In the past, failing referendums have led to more $2.3 million in cuts, including the cutting nearly 30 full-time staffers. Support staff and foreign language have also been cut and reduced.



May 28—Sixteen-year-olds Shawn Deming, Ryan Moy and Scott Deming walk a canoe across the flooded front lawn of the Gurnee Community Church to retrieve sandbags for the relief effort.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

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LV Township to close on Gavin—Sept. 10

Now that the Lake Villa Township has committed to the purchase of the Gavin North School, on Route 59, all that's left to decide is how to pay for it.

On Aug. 25, Gavin School District 37 accepted the township's bid of $525,000 for the 21,000-square-foot building. Closing on the property is set for late September.

Aside from the purchase price of the property, the township will also need to come up with funds to cover the cost of renovations.

At the next meeting of the board, on Sept. 14, a decision will be made as to which of 25 lender bids to accept for the total of $800,000 in financing needed to cover the purchase and renovation project.

Some of the purchase price is already covered by funds budgeted for building and development, but it will not be enough to cover all the renovations needed.

Ingleside man wins 'Bambino'—June 11

Eight years after surrendering a Goudey 1933 Babe Ruth chewing gum card to Lindenhurst Police, the card is finally back in the hands of former card store owner David Damos.

Damos, who lives in Ingleside, was awarded the card in a lawsuit decided in Waukegan on June 3.

The original suit was brought against the Lindenhurst Police Department and the Village of Lindenhurst. The village told the court it has no interest in holding the card, but would only release it when the proper owner was determined.

Damos was moved to sue after media reported the card, in the possession of the village since 1996, was to be auctioned off on eBay.

Blowers accused of murder—Nov. 19

Bradley J. Blowers, 22, of 103 N. Milwaukee, has been taken into custody and charged with the second-degree murder of Michael J. Coffman, 48, of 409 Hillandale Road, Round Lake.

The arrest follows a four-month investigation by Lake Villa Police, under the supervision of Det. Richard Tippett and with the assistance of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and the Lake County Coroner's Office.

On July 11, at 7:11 a.m., Lake Villa police responded to a call from Blower's address. The body of the victim had been discovered by his 20-year-old daughter, and another roommate.

The coroner's office concluded the primary cause of death was blunt force trauma. Coroner Jim Wipper said he could not release specifics before the official inquest, but confirmed that the blood alcohol concentration in Coffman's body was significant, and that there was also evidence that he had used illicit drugs. Coffman also had heart disease, but it was not considered a factor in his death.

Kathleen Kane resigns from assessor's office—March 26

After 10 years as Lake Villa Township's assessor, Kathleen Kane has resigned, citing "reasons of health."

Kane's resignation occurred under ambiguous circumstances. According to State's Attorney Michael Waller, township officials brought certain information to his office for investigation.



Kane

"We reviewed the information," Waller said. "Kathleen Kane resigned, and we decided it was not appropriate to file charges."

Coincidentally, on the same day Kane tendered her resignation, her daughter, Morgan (Concetta) Kane, resigned from her position in the assessor's office as well as from her seat on the Lake Villa Fire Protection District Board. She also cited health reasons.

The township is negotiating with Ken Larson, former Lake County supervising assessor, to fill the position until the next election, in March 2005.

At that time, the elected candidate can be appointed to complete the rest of Kane's term, which expires in December 2005.

Larsen would be working under contract. Because state law prohibits a contracted assessor from receiving more than the rate of pay approved by the board for the elected assessor, Larsen's contract will be limited to $39,000. This is one of the lowest assessor's salaries in the county.

Elizabeth Lynn charged with fraud—Feb. 20

Mike Lynn is facing another disappointment in his young life. On Feb. 20, just two days before his 19th birthday, his mother, Elizabeth K. Lynn, 43, of 157 N. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, will stand before a court facing charges of misuse of Michael's trust fund.

The Michael P. Lynn Fund was established at Fifth Third Bank in Gurnee to help pay for expenses related to Michael's battle with testicular cancer.

For nearly a year, checks poured into the fund, and bills and spare change were dropped in jars on the counters of neighborhood stores.

Media rallied behind the cause. As Michael's health improved, friends and strangers celebrated.

In September, Elizabeth Lynn came under scrutiny by Lindenhurst Police, when a local shopkeeper gave police a tip. He said a customer, a Fifth Third Bank employee, saw the jar on his countertop and remarked that she was suspicious about the charity.

Police obtained bank records showing that in under a year, Lynn had spent nearly $10,000 from the trust account for clothing, restaurants, nail parlors, liquor, cellular telephones and a stay at a nearby "theme" motel.

According to a police investigator, the bank employee said the possible misuse of the fund came to her attention when Elizabeth Lynn protested overdraft charges on the account.

Allendale staff member charged with sex crime—June 18

A 39-year-old male counselor at Allendale, a therapeutic community for youth in Lake Villa, has been charged with four counts of sexual assault, involving two teenage girls who were residents at the school.

Glen L. Windom, of Gurnee, turned himself in to Lake County authorities, after a May 4 arrest warrant was issued citing three counts. An additional warrant was issued on June 3, when a second female client brought charges.

Windom was released on bond. The bond was $200,000 for the first warrant, and another $100,000 for the second warrant.

A preliminary hearing will be held on July 16, at 10:30 a.m. in courtroom 120.

Lake Villa Police Detective Richard Tippett noted that Allendale had cooperated fully with authorities, bringing the matter forth promptly when it was discovered.

Administrators at Allendale contacted police and DCFS on March 24, when a female resident complained that Windom had been acting improperly with another student.

The 15-year-old complainant told authorities she had witnessed sexual conduct between the counselor and another 15-year-old client both inside the residential cottage and while on a shopping trip to Round Lake Beach. The conduct allegedly involved kissing and inappropriate touching.

On May 29, a second complaint was received from a 16-year-old resident, who said Windom isolated her in the kitchen of the cottage following the March 24 shopping trip and made unwelcome sexual advances. She said she was warned not to tell anyone about what happened to her or to the first victim on the shopping trip.

Windom had no previous record of sexual assault or abuse, although he had a prior history of charges for disorderly conduct and telephone harassment.

Lakewood Tower elevator deficient

In an otherwise comfortable, attractive, affordable and handicapped-accessible senior apartment house, builders overlooked one possible need.

At Lakewood Tower, 320 N. Milwaukee Ave., in Lake Villa, the elevators go all the way to the top of the six-story building, but they are not large enough to hold a flat stretcher or back board.

This deficiency was discovered on Dec. 15, when Lake Villa Rescue Squad personnel were called to help a woman suffering from stomach pains.

When EMTs took the woman to the elevator, they had to collapse the stretcher into an upright position. There was then room for only one EMT to accompany her.

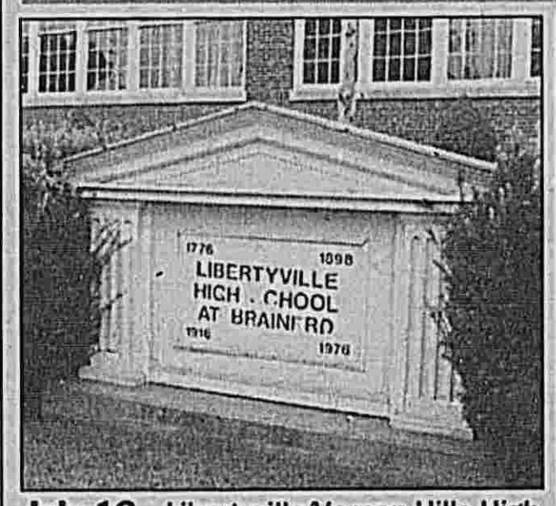
Lake Villa trustees took action to prevent this situation from occurring in future construction by passing an ordinance that requires each elevator-equipped building to have at least one elevator large enough to hold a stretcher "in the horizontal position" as well as two emergency personnel.

The inspection code the builder followed at the time of the construction is the Lake County code.

According to Bill Smolarchuk, at the Building and Code Enforcement division of the Lake County Department of Planning, Building and Development, there are no minimum size requirements in the county's elevator inspection code.

Even national and state codes do not address the problem. BOCA code calls for elevators to be a minimum of 48 inches-by-48 inches in area.

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July 16—Libertyville/Vernon Hills High School District 128 officials claim they will not put any more money into Libertyville High School's Brainerd Building, which most recently was used as a freshman campus for the school.— *Photo by Sandy Bressner*

Libertyville soldier dies—Sept. 24

U.S. Specialist Wesley Wells, 21, of Libertyville was killed Monday in Afghanistan. Wells attended Libertyville High School and is the son of Joan Neal of Gurnee and Robert Wells of Sunrise, Fla. He was the grandson of the late Libertyville mayor, Paul Neal. He also leaves behind his wife, Jonalyn Wells of Honolulu.

Wells was based out of Schofield Barracks, Honolulu, where a memorial service will be held. He was in the second battalion, 27th Infantry in Afghanistan.

Wells was killed in a Patika province of Afghanistan according to Army officials. He was an infantryman performing as a vehicle gunner on a mounted patrol, and died when his vehicle came under attack. He was deployed to Afghanistan in April, and paid the ultimate price.

According to his uncle, Jim Hayner, village administrator in Gurnee, Wells had long-standing plans to make a career in the military and was moved to do so after 9/11.

According to his family, Wesley was proud to serve, and they are all very proud of his accomplishments in the military.

Wells was a life-ling resident of Libertyville and he will be returned home for burial. Arrangements will be made with the Kristan Funeral Home in Mundelein.

Libertyville looks for ways to save Brainerd campus—July 16

There will not be a need for a wrecking ball at the Brainerd building any time soon. The Brainerd Preservation Committee made a presentation to the village board and representatives of High School District 128 Tuesday evening. The committee's study was well received.

Bob Peron, head of the committee, said members suggest the building be converted to a community center, to the benefit of everyone, including the school district. It was originally built in 1912 and sits on about five acres of land.

Until recently, the school district used Jackson Gym on the Brainerd campus on a daily basis. It will continue to use the fields on the property, until there is another option. The Libertyville fire marshal and Lake County Regional Office of Education have denied student use of the indoor facilities out of safety concerns.

Scott Adams, the head of the district's finance and facilities committee, said the district has been scrambling to meet the athletic needs of the high school and definitely needs the fields at Brainerd for at least two years.

As its first step, the committee sought possible alternative uses. The committee looked for a similar project and found the Gordon Center in Lake Forest. It had been an elementary school that was transformed into a community center that is now used 18 hours a day, seven days a week.

Some of the possible uses for the building include meeting and office space, banquet facilities, adult education classes, park district activities, ballroom dancing, theater productions, a teen center, coffeehouse and even an outdoor ice rink in the winter. The committee said it could also entertain the idea of using the facility for the Cook Library, or the school district could use office space for their administrative needs, along with athletic facilities.

Prevent coyote attacks—October 15

Coyotes attacked two more dogs last week, near Midlothian and Winchester roads in Mundelein. A few weeks prior to that, a dog was attacked in Libertyville. According to Leslie Piotrowski of the Lake County Health Department, there are an average of five coyote attacks a year. The county is now at three in a one-month period.

According to a study that put radio collars on 99 coyotes, the DNR has determined that a pack of coyotes has a territory of about six square miles. Lone coyotes travel further, with a territory of up to 36 square miles. The same study indicated that 18 percent of the coyote population live in residential or commercial areas.

Details may be Tully's undoing—Nov. 1

In spite of campaign rhetoric, the two candidates for District 59 have some of the same desires for the district.

Both State Rep. Kathy Ryg and her opponent Paul Tully candidates agree there are gridlock and traffic problems in Lake County.

Tully has blamed the traffic woes on a shortage of funding due to the diversion of road funds to other areas of the budget by the state.

He has accused has accused Ryg of being ineffectual at representing people in the district because she is following Democratic protocol led by Michael Madigan and Rod Blagojevich, he said. Tully said Ryg attends many meetings but does not have a plan to correct issues.

In response to these criticisms Ryg said she worked on legislation to get the state to reinstate the money for the signalization and realignment at Route 45 and Prairie Road at the southern tip of Vernon Township and the state has agreed to return the money in phases for the funding of the Route 22 project.

Ryg defeated Tully in the November general election.

Laska will not to run for mayor, but Harger will—Nov. 5

Even though it is almost one election season away, Libertyville Trustee Jeffrey Harger has acknowledged he will run for mayor in the April elections. This is something he has known he was going to do for awhile, and told his fellow Rotarians about a month ago, he said. He said he announced it at this time because candidates in other municipalities were making announcements.

"I went to Duane (Mayor Laska) before I announced my decision and let him know," Harger said. "The timing is right."

Harger has served on the village board for eight years since he was first appointed to the position to fill in for the late Bob Gleason, and served on the plan commission before that.

Harger's decision to run, helped Laska reach his own decision, since he didn't want to leave office without being able to leave it to someone who he felt was capable.

Report traces salmonella at Vernon Hills Chili's—Dec. 17

On Jan. 8, the Lake County Health Department released its "Foodborne Illness Investigation Report," finding that last summer's outbreak of salmonella at Chili's Bar and Grill in Vernon Hills was likely spread by infected employees in direct contact with customers.

The conclusions are that the spread of the disease did not originate from the food or food handling. But infected employees who did not wash their hands and then served food were passing the disease on to customers, the LCHD found.

- The investigation by food specialists and an epidemiologist defined three groups: confirmed cases of individuals who ate at Chili's between June 23, 2003, and July 1
- Probable cases of individuals who claimed to have eaten at Chili's between June 23 and July 1 and displayed symptoms of diarrhea, fever or abdominal cramps, or had close contact with a confirmed case
- Suspected cases of individuals who claimed to have eaten at Chili's between June 23 and July 1 and developed any gastrointestinal symptoms.

The report mirrors findings by health department investigators during an initial investigation on June 30, 2003. Investigators felt that employees failing to wash their hands and an interruption of water service at the eatery were major contributing factors in the spread of salmonella directly to patrons.

Investigators also inspected other area Chili's restaurants at which Vernon Hills Chili's employees also worked.

Over 300 persons who dined at the restaurant between June 23 and July 1 were infected and reported symptoms to health authorities, the LCHD found.

The report found that on June 26 there was no hot water at Chili's and the following day there was no running water at hand-washing sinks during the lunch rush, and calls into question employees' ability to properly wash hands.

One employee was found to have had symptoms of salmonella during the first week of June.

Brinker International, the corporate owner of the Chili's chain, has paid the health department over $30,000 to cover manpower costs of the investigation. Brinker has since instituted new, more rigid requirements for food handling at the Chili's restaurants.

Also, about 60 persons, including two who had serious problems from the salmonella, have filed suit against Brinker, with the law firm of Marler Clark.

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Keeping kids safe and busy after school is group's goal—October 29

Police Chief Ray Rose and State Representative Kathy Ryg met with various news media around the county with mixed success Rose told about 150 members of the Lake County After School Coalition.

To emphasize the need for constructive activities within the communities, he reminded everyone of the deaths of two young people. One Park City youth was shot to death in a gang-related incident, and a Waukegan boy was beaten to death, Rose said.

Rose and Rep. Ryg formed the group less than a year ago and it is sponsored by a number of groups, government departments and individuals.

Many municipal groups as well as non-profit groups are members in the cause. The basic idea is to pool resources, share ideas and make it possible for every child to have something positive to do when school is not in session.

Village clerk quits her position—Nov. 12

A long-lasting village board meeting Monday ended with a bang when elected Village Clerk Pamela Keeney announced her resignation to be effective the next day.

One of the earlier items that precipitated Keeney's decision was the 4-2 vote to change the status of the village clerk for the next term and remove insurance coverage.

"If they can do this to an elected official..." Keeney began but left the sentence unfinished.

Marabella to retire and collect his dues

In a late-night executive session the village board met to discuss, among other things, the details of Village Administrator Kenneth Marabella's retirement package, according to an existing contract.

The village will pay Marabella $300,000 between now and the end of April. The village has agreed to compensate him for accrued time, consultation in the future, vacation days and car allowance in addition to agreeing to waive liability and challenges. His current annual salary is $144,794.

"This is not a severance package," Marabella said. This is the total of what the village will owe him on April 29, and includes the salary he is now earning, he said.

According to Assistant Village Administrator Mike Flynn, Marabella submitted his letter of resignation to be effective April 29, 2005. The agreed-upon contract was voted on in open session, with a five-one vote of approval. Trustee Terri Voss voted against the plan.

Marabella has contributed to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund over the years, which will provide his monthly stipend, similar to Social Security. He has worked for the village for 30 years.

In a press release Mayor Marilyn Sindles said Marabella is the longest-serving administrator/manager in Illinois and was accepted into the Credentialed City Managers by the International City Management Association.

"After 30 years here and seeing all the changes, I've been fortunate to be part of it. I feel blessed because Mundelein is in the best shape it's ever been in. It's nice to be able to retire and exit at a high level," Marabella said.

Target opens, heralds in new center—Oct. 15

If the opening day is any indication, the new SuperTarget Store in Mundelein the new store is headed for success. A SuperTarget is just like a Target attached to a complete grocery store.

It is the first store to open in Mundelein Crossing at Routes 60 and 83. According to store manager Ross Gerner, the store has 350 employees and they had a 'soft' opening so everyone could get used to their new roles and make them comfortable so guests feel the service level they should feel. However, The opening had three times as many customers as had been anticipation.

"The team did a nice job in handling everything even though the traffic was a lot heavier," Gerner said. "I think I am extremely positive with this site, especially with new subdivisions coming. We're on the edge of town and people don't like to travel more than three miles for groceries.

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Kristof's bash a huge success—Sept. 3—Austin Diehl, 13, swings wide to pass Richard Diehl and brother Gavin Diehl, 5, at the go-carts at Kristof's. Visitors to the 30th anniversary at Kristof's enjoyed 30-cent go-carts as part of the celebration. — *Photo by John Dickson*

Bank robbery in the Beach—Feb. 20

The Round Lake Beach Police Department in conjunction with the FBI was currently investigating a Bank Robbery that occurred on Feb. 12 at 6 p.m.

The robbery happened at the Guaranty Bank located inside of the Cub Foods at 965 E. Rollins Road in Round Lake Beach.

"The suspect was described as a male black who was about six feet tall, wearing a black hat, dark blue jacket, black pants, and black shoes," said Lt. Rich Chiarello. "We called in the FBI because it is a federally insured bank and therefore a federal crime," he added.

According to Lt. Chiarello the robber walked into the bank and displayed a handgun and made off with an undetermined amount of cash.

Round Lake Beach has had a couple of other armed robberies in the past two months.

On Dec. 20 at 8 p.m. an armed robbery occurred at the Nicko's Quik-mart at 731 W. Rollins Road in Round Lake Beach.

The offender in that crime was described as a white male, 5'6"-6' tall, with a medium-to-heavy build.

He was wearing a black jacket, black pants and a white-and-gray-colored ski mask that allowed the entire upper face to be seen.

The man reportedly displayed a black handgun and made off with $500.

That robbery came on the heels of a Dec. 15 robbery of a Baskin-Robbins at 807 E. Rollins Road.

Arrested in that incident were Nicholas W. Fletcher, 25, of 1016 Althoff, McHenry, and Jeanette R. Klemencic, 24, of Five Princeton Court, Lake in the Hills.

Cop honored for 637 arrests—May 28

Lots of cops turned out at the Round Lake Beach Village Board meeting to pay honor to one of their own.

Officer Brian Peters was presented a plaque by Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (MEG) Director Terry Lemming and Deputy Director Mark Rasmussen for his work with the group.

The Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force concentrating in illegal drugs, gangs and weapons offenses

Groundbreaking draws huge crowd—Oct. 8

District 16 Lake County Board Rep. Bob Powers was one of several prominent Lake County board members speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new North Branch Traffic Court in Round Lake Beach.

"I want to welcome everyone to Round Lake Beach which has my home for 28 years," Powers said. "We are standing on 4.5 acres of land that will soon be the North Branch Court which will be another benefit to the people through the joint cooperation of Round Lake Beach and Lake County."

Powers added that the location on Nicole Lane just north of Rollins road was carefully selected to be convenient and accessible to the residents of west Lake County including the towns of Antioch, Beach Park, Fox lake, Grayslake, Hainesville, Lakemoor, Lake Villa, Lindenhurst and the four towns that share in the name of Round Lake.

The new courthouse will be 9,080 square feet and will have one courtroom, an office for the Circuit Court Clerk, with plans for a second courtroom in the future. The facility will also contain a 50-person multi-purpose room for use by the Probation Department and classroom training sessions.

Local soldier killed in Iraq—Oct. 22

Round Lake Beach has lost one of its own residents over in Iraq.

U.S. Army Specialist Jaime Moreno, 28, a 1994 graduate of Round Lake High School, was killed in Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his patrol vehicle on Oct. 12 in Baghdad.

Killed along with Moreno was Captain Dennis L. Pintor, 30, of Lima Ohio and Specialist Michael S. Wegner, 30, of Rochester, New York.

Moreno is also survived by his sister in law Gina Moreno (wife of Jorge) who said her brother in law was a great man and a hero to the family.

"He was a very loving person and he loved his family very much. All the brothers and sisters were always hugging each other. Jaime was a very special person who loved his music and he liked to dance and sing. When he came home on leave he was always playing with his nephews and nieces," Gina Moreno said.

Moreno enlisted in the Army in February of 2003 and went over to Iraq in Mach 2004.

Moreno is originally from Mexico and moved to Round Lake Beach in 1991.

Moreno was serving with the U.S. Army's 20th Engineering Division which is part of the IST Cavalry Division which is based in Fort Hood, Texas.

Fireman rescues dog stranded on the lake—Jan. 9

A dog has a concerned citizen, some Round Lake Police officers and some Round Lake firefighters to thank for saving its life.

Roy Wittbold, 56, of 705 N. Lakeview Drive, woke up early on Jan. 5 and remembered that he had heard a dog barking late into the night.

When he looked out his window at Round Lake he saw something on a snow-covered patch of ice.

"I went outside with a flashlight and saw a dog laying down on the ice and immediately called the Round Lake Police," Wittbold said. "When they couldn't get to the dog they called the fire department."

Wittbold said that two of the firemen tied ropes around themselves and that while other firemen held on, Captain Bill Rohrs inched his way out to the dog and perfectly executed the rescue.

Kristof's bash a huge success—Sept. 3

After 30 years of providing entertainment to the residents of Lake County, Kristof's Family Entertainment Center in Round Lake Beach held a huge celebration on Aug. 28.

And everything cost just 30 cents.

"Never in my wildest dreams could I have imagine so many people coming to help us celebrate," said Tom Kristof, co-owner of the establishment.

"It was absolutely unbelievable. We went through over 1,000 hotdogs before 5 p.m. and then we must have went through another 1,000 slices of pizza," he added.

Kristof estimates that over 2,000 people visited the place during this time period.

Cops visit Nicasa's parenting class—Feb. 26

A police chief, a police lieutenant, a police anti-gang task force officer and a drug abuse counselor were members of a guest panel at the Nicasa Parenting Journey class on Thursday night. At the invitation of Parenting Journey coordinator Nanci Radford, the four took turns talking to and answering questions from the parents and children in attendance about gangs and drugs.

Round Lake Police Chief Charlie Foy got the meeting rolling when he answered a parent's question and said, "Round Lake (proper) has a big transient gang problem. Very few of them live in the village but we do have a problem and when you have a gang problem you have to deal with it. Several years ago we said we didn't have a gang problem but that's a lie. Round Lake has the high school and the middle school in it and the gangs moved into those schools to recruit," Foy said.



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Playground constructions set for spring—Jan. 2

The Neighborhood Community Enhancement Network has asked Island Lake officials to release funds set aside for the playground effort in Converse Park.

To order materials in February, they need the funds by Jan. 31, the committee's Jennifer Doty said at the Dec. 11 village board meeting.

The construction at the playground has been completed.

Doty said the NCEN has had recent success with fund-raisers and through increased donations, which included a $1,000 donation from the Wauconda Township Soccer Association and $1,200 from Home Depot. Home Depot has also agreed to recruit volunteers from five area stores to help out on building dates.

"We have set build dates for June 2-6," Doty said.

Barbini ready to begin post-Dist. 118 life—June 4

Wauconda Community Unit District 118 Superintendent John Barbini will be "keeping his options open" when it comes to his post-Wauconda schools life.

For the first time in 10 years, someone else will open the school year as superintendent. Barbini will retire officially July 1, and Dan Coles, human resources director who is now the superintendent. Dozens of current staff, former school officials, village officials and graduates attended a reception for Barbini at the WHS library.

He reflected on his decade of service. He was hired by District 118 to replace Dr. Darrell Dick in 1994.

Eschenbauch era to end in Wauconda—Dec. 10

Wauconda Mayor James Eschenbauch will not be seeking another term.

Eschenbauch made that announcement regarding the April 5 election at the close of the village board meeting Dec. 7. He has held that office since 1993 and served the village for 22 years, 12 as trustee.

Eschenbauch said he made that decision with consultation with his wife Judy and long-time ally Venita McConnell.

Durbin, Bean pledge work on vinyl chloride—Dec. 17

Residents of the Hillcrest Subdivision and surrounding area received reassurances that a long-term public source of drinking water is on its way.

Two public water sources, Lake Michigan water and the village of Wauconda water system, were mentioned. Sources of the vinyl chloride in the system is suspected but not conclusively proven, according to the Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs), the Wauconda Sand and Gravel land fill off Bonner Road.

Further area testing has been mandated and bottle water will be made available. Some residents urged that the area of bottled water be expanded. Testing done by Lake County Health Department in 2003 in Hillcrest and further tested areas discovered vinyl chloride levels of unacceptable findings.

Treatment plant wins expansion from IEPA

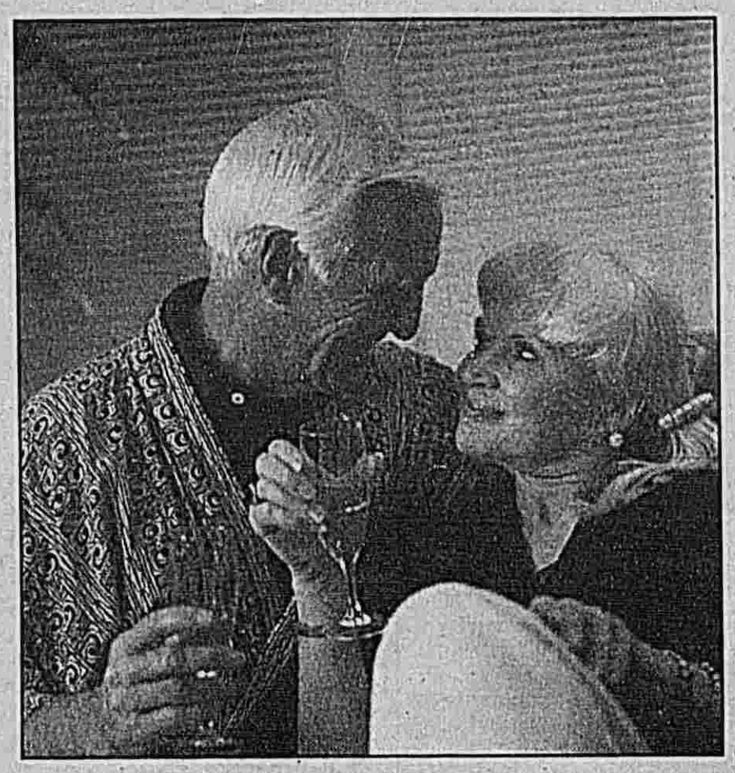
Development in Wauconda won a victory it has been waiting more than a year to receive.

The Illinois EPA gave its approval for the village's request for an expanded wastewater treatment plant off Slocum Lake Road. The permit was the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Wauconda proposed to expand the existing treatment plant system from an average flow of 1.4 million gallons per day to 1.9 million gallons per day in phase one and to 2.4 million gallons per day in phase two. The treatment plant at 302 Slocum Lake Road will continue to discharge into Fiddle Creek, at North Anderson Road, which is classified as a general use stream and eventually connects to the Fox River. Based on the IEPA figures, this translates into a service area of 20,000 residents.

More than 300 public comments and 50 exhibits about the proposal as well as further meetings with Wauconda, Lake County Forest Preserve and other agencies affected were considered, said Toby Frevert, manager of the division of water pollution control.

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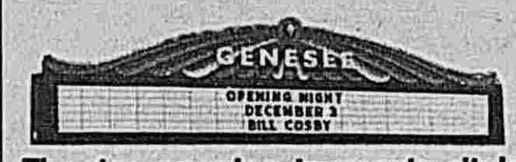
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Fire leaves theater a 'total loss'—Oct. 29. Firefighters work on putting out a fire at the former Fiesta Palace and Academy Theater in downtown Waukegan. The fire allegedly began when a city of Waukegan crew removed the theater's marquee.



Theater opening trumpets city's revival-Dec. 10

Freedom and Liberty strode the downtown street while patrons' smiles and crystal chandeliers lit the interior of the re-born Genesee Theatre on Dec. 3. After decades of non-use, years of renovation and a brief wait in the frigid winter air, it was finally showtime for Waukegan.

Police horses made their first public appearance while pacing near searchlights that recalled the building's original 1927 opening ceremony, and wide-eyed patrons gazed upward at the numerous light and decorative fixtures hanging throughout the building. A line snaked around Clayton Street more than an hour before the house lights dimmed and Bill Cosby strode onto the stage, earning a rousing ovation from the first of two sell-out crowds.

Feeding off the cheers, Cosby told the audience he was proud to perform "in your own city." "Yeah, this is very nice, and I am feeling good to be the first," he said.

Fire leaves theater a 'total loss'—Oct. 29

As the city anxiously awaits the rebirth of the Genesee Theatre, the venue's predecessor fell Wednesday in a late-morning blaze.

The Academy Theater, a silent-movie house that later served as the cultural hotspot Fiesta Palace, was gutted by fire, leaving it a "total loss," said Waukegan Fire Department Lieutenant Steve Lenzi. The 10,000-square-foot building caught fire at approximately 10:15 a.m., and firefighters responded three to four minutes later.

No one was injured in the fire, which took place at the building located at 202 N. Genesee Street. A steel and brick one-story building, located at 210 N. Genesee and of similar size, suffered significant water damage. The structure was attached to the theater, and formerly served as an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers hall.

Batman brings vigilance, business to Waukegan—Aug. 20

A closed highway and noisy helicopters may have inconvenienced some residents during the past week, but the caped crusader's crime fighting efforts depended on the disturbances.

Warner Bros. film producers shot stunt scenes for "The Intimidation Game" on the Amstutz Highway from Sunday to Wednesday morning, and the Batmobile was reportedly on the scene. The highway was shut down between the Grand and Greenwood exits, as cars raced and helicopters soared for a film that will likely be a 2005 summer blockbuster.

Numerous movie web sites have identified the film as "Batman Begins", a prequel to the Batman movie series.

Park District breaks ground with fieldhouse—Aug. 27

For more than 15 years, the Waukegan Park District failed to realize its goal of a centralized facility that would provide indoor recreational opportunities for local residents.

Though a centrally located recreational building had been a priority for the district since the late-1980s, money issues began to plague city parks just a few years later. A statewide tax cap instituted in 1991 caused the district to lose half its funding, and a 1993 ruling prevented officials from issuing further debt and borrowing money.

But the days of insufficient funds and space have ended, and a 70,000 square-foot, $8 million fieldhouse will soon stand as the doorway to a better future. District officials broke ground Aug. 20 on a Hinkston Park site they hope will serve as a city cornerstone of athletics and fitness.

City loses bid for gambling license

The Illinois Gaming Board selected Rosemont to keep the state's last casino license on Monday, denying the city of Waukegan a casino opportunity that several city officials had expected to receive.

Board members voted 4-1 to award the license to Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., which made a $518 million offer. Waukegan's representative, Harrah's Entertainment, offered $520 million for the license during an auction to determine the highest bids from each competitor the week before the board's decision. The decision contradicted the board's staff recommendation to place the license with Des Plaines and Midwest Gaming.

Waukegan officials said the city planned to utilize casino revenue to assist with numerous aspects of city revitalization. Some money would have been used to offset lakefront and downtown development efforts, and the city had identified funds for schools.

St. Martin opens doors to better lives for students—Aug. 27

As the 100 St. Martin de Porres students strode south down Genesee Street to class on Monday, some of them were walking away from past circumstances as well as toward a brighter future.

Sharp-dressed boys wearing ties and slacks and girls bedecked in formal worksuits marched proudly, and loud cheers marked the inaugural school day procession for the first Lake County Catholic high school to be established in 40 years. The students will receive college preparatory training in their downtown classrooms and workplace experience outside them, and school spirit was very much alive even before classes officially began.

Early in his speech marking the school's opening, 15-year-old Miguel Arellano managed to sneak in a pro-sophomore class remark, drawing laughs and vocal support from his classmates. The charismatic young man then told the audience that he hoped to use his St. Martin's education to succeed in the business world, so that his father won't have to work in construction for his entire life.

A product of Waukegan's south side projects, Arellano is determined to escape the legal troubles and imprisonment experienced by those closest to him.

Arellano hopes to one day own several businesses, and plans to parlay his work and education experience at St. Martin into a scholarship to Duke or Georgetown University. He said his new classmates and teachers already felt like family, "so it's all gravy."

The school's Corporate Internship Program provides Arellano and others the opportunity to train for future jobs while attending classes. Each student will work five days per month in a professional setting, and 23 county businesses have provided entry-level positions.

Waukegan resident Latoni Hatch will complete marketing assignments for a Deerfield corporation. She said she expected to work hard, but knew the experience would pay off in the future.

Four students share each job position, which will pay roughly 70 percent of their private school tuition.

This financial assistance made it possible for Ruth Ringstrom to give her son Eric the Catholic education she wanted for him. The single mother said her son is now eager to attend college.

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Libertyville weathers the elements

If you listened closely at Memorial Stadium, you could almost hear it—a collective sigh emitted from the Libertyville sideline.

It was a sigh of relief, of satisfaction, of vindication.

The Wildcats (14-0) were finally able to let go of last year's double-overtime loss to Oswego in the Class 7A state championship game and grasp the fact that, a year later, they were the champs.

The weight of last year's only loss was lifted off the team's shoulders after they beat Cary-Grove 13-3 in this season's state title game in Champaign.

"I'm gonna be able to sleep good these next couple weeks," senior running back/defensive back Jeff Fontana said.

After losing all but one offensive starter last year to graduation, head coach Randy Kuceyeski said he knew his defense, with several returning starters, would have to step up this season.

The defense definitely did its part in the Wildcats' much-anticipated return trip to Champaign, holding the Trojans (13-1) to a mere field goal and 116 yards of total offense.

"It says a lot about our seniors, because they had to live with that defeat (against Oswego) for a year," Kuceyeski said. "They made a commitment to come back and run the table after going 13-1 last year.

"It was a testament to our senior leadership. They did a great job and there was no team in the state that was going to deny them the championship this year."

Fourth time's a charm

You would think that after 43 games together, including three games in two days, these players would spend at least a day or two apart. You'd be wrong.

After the tournament, the entire Carmel baseball team gathered at head coach Chuck Gandolfi's house for a barbecue. This was one day after playing a doubleheader at the IHSA state tournament in Geneva.

"This was a close-knit team," Gandolfi said. "All of the ingredients were there that made this a fun team. They did everything together."

Maybe that's what made this particular Carmel team special. Sure, the school has had its share of outstanding teams, including four 30-win seasons, but those teams always seemed to fizzle out at the end.

That includes the three previous state-qualifying teams (1990, 1994 and 1999). Each of those teams lost the opener of the state tourney.

This time around, however, Carmel finally got over the hump, winning a pair of games at Elfstrom Stadium in Geneva and finishing third in the state.

A grand old time for Hanson

An accomplishment few junior college baseball coaches have achieved brightened the day for all those gathered at Gene Hanson Baseball Field at the College of Lake County last Thursday.

The 31-year baseball coach gained his 1,000th and 1,001st wins on a day when CLC swept Carthage. It was an emotional time when Trent Domel caught the flyball in right field, ending a 9-2 CLC win in game one. The cameras were poised, ready as if Sammy Sosa was ready to hit another dinger.

"I'm overwhelmed," Hanson said just after an embrace from his wife, Martha.

"That is what we work on. I'm a fundamental coach. The kids get tired of working on the basics, but with that full gym, we have almost a full infield in there," Hanson said.

Hanson, 59, has used that formula, plus an open door policy for all area baseball players, to key his success. He has won more than 70 percent of his games in three decades and coached more than 30 players who have played professionally.

Just after the game one win, Chris Malec had a chance to read a message from current team members.

"Many have come before us, leaving their marks along the way. We, the 2004 CLC Lancer Baseball Team, are grateful that destiny has brought us to achieve and share this milestone with you. You have taught us a higher level of the game, but most of all, taught us that we don't have to be great players, just good men. For this is how you will be remembered," Malec said.

Umpire Ron Naden has been calling Hanson's games for 24 years. "He has mellowed a little bit, but during the game, it can be the same old Gene. I'm happy for him," Naden said.

Hanson retired after the season.

Historic season for Rams

With 6.6 seconds left on the clock, Grayslake seniors Kayla Ming and Rachel Miner walked dejectedly back to their bench to polite cheers from the Grayslake faithful and raucous cries of "Season's over" from the opposition.

The Rams had just lost 74-67 to Marian Catholic in the Class AA State Quarterfinals, ending not only the team's historic season but also the careers of six seniors, including Ming.

"It was pretty sad," Ming said. "I was thinking to myself that it was the last time I would be walking off the court with my teammates."

With 4:58 left in the third quarter, Ming connected on a trey to give her team a 42-39 lead. It was her 2,000th career point, becoming the first Lake County player to reach that hallowed mark since Lake Zurich grad Alicia Ratay in 1999.

"It was pretty cool," Ming said of reaching 2,000 points. "I felt kind of stupid when I passed (David) Mendralla earlier in the season, because people were wondering if I had passed (Jenny) Wessel yet. I didn't want a fake record."

In the game, Grayslake was out-rebounded 36-20, one of the main differences in the game according to coach Mike Hirsch.

"The name of the game is rebounding and they just got us on the boards," said Hirsch, whose team fell to 30-4 with the loss, which snapped a 21-game winning streak.

Despite the loss, all of the players were happy with the season.

"It's always disappointing to lose the last game," Russ said. "But it was an awesome season. I couldn't have asked for anything more."

End of an era

Selfishness may have brought him to Waukegan, but after 35 years, four sports and thousands of student-athletes John Neff will be remembered for his selflessness.

Neff, 63, the longtime Waukegan coach football coach announced his retirement after the football season, a decision he said he'd been pondering for a while, but never really wanted to make.

In his 35 years in Waukegan, Neff coached four different sports at all levels. But he will be most remembered for the 25 yeas he spent as the head football coach at Waukegan West High School, and later Waukegan High School.

At 115-122, it's not his record that will be remembered most, say people who worked with Neff. Instead, they look at his commitment to the kids he coached.

"Too many people look at records and forget the human side of it," said current Waukegan mayor and former WHS athletic director Richard Hyde.

Hyde worked with Neff for nearly three decades, and said he will always remember the way he cared for his players, and the time he put into his job.

"What he did, " Hyde said, "that's what you call commitment."

As he looks back, Neff said he is grateful for everything he was given. The support from the community and his assistant coaches is something he couldn't do without.

"You've got to have all types of support," Neff said. "I've had great assistants. (The people of) Waukegan has been great."

And he thanks his wife Mary too.

"Without her absolute support I would not have been able to do it," Neff said.

But most of all, Neff said he thanks the athletes.

"The wins?" Neff asked. "Everybody likes to go out in a certain way."

Sounding more emotional, he added, "The most important thing though, is the opportunity to have players go out and play hard for me. That's the thing that always kept me coming back."

Grant's Kennedy wins state title

High expectations can be either a blessing or a curse.

For Grant High School 103-pound wrestler Jim Kennedy, it served as a motivating factor in his state championship.

On a memorable day for Grant wrestling, Kennedy (42-0) became the first state champion in decades, downing Marcus Carpenter of Danville in a close 2-1 match. Teammates John Deneen, fourth at 112 and Dan Dennis, runner-up at 125, also placed.

"He used the expectations as a challenge," said Grant coach Ryan Geist. "Jimmy did a nice job. Jim is wrestling excellent. I feel good when Jim is out there, period. He only had four points scored on him the whole tournament. To walk away with a first is special and Daniels with second is special, and Deneen placing is special.

"After last year, the logical step would be to make it to the state finals and hopefully win a state championship. He worked so hard in the off season," Geist said. "Jim pulled off some stuff we have not seen this year. These guys have a lot of experience and used it to get to where they are at. Confidence is a factor. Both Jim and Dan have a lot of confidence. It was evident in the semifinals."

Kennedy won 42 straight matches en route to the championship.



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Even among people who have little experience with bluegrass music, the name of the Osborne Brothers or their best known song, "Rocky Top," is likely to be familiar. The core of their band consists of Bobby Osborne on mandolin and singing the high tenor lead, and Sonny Osborne on banjo and singing baritone, accompanied by acoustic bass, guitar, fiddle, and dobro.

In bluegrass music the vocal sound is noted for the prominence of the high tenor singing voice. Reversing the format in country and bluegrass music, in. which the lead person is usually a guitar playing singer, the Osbornes are a rare group in being headed by players of instruments whose usual role is



Bobby and Sonny Osborne

accompaniment. While both brothers happen to be brilliant and recognized instrumentalists, it is singing that has been the key to their popularity.

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2 – Wait until this movie comes out on video
1 – Someone should be fired for making this movie

Soaring mania



Leonardo DiCaprio enjoys a bravura performance as the wealthy, eccentric industrialist Howard Hughes during the prime of his life. Although Hughes died in 1976, for much of the last 20 years of his life, he was a recluse. The film focuses on his most fertile period from the late 1920s to the late 1940s, when he embodied the term "flamboyant." Best known for his accomplishments in aviation, movie production and the ability to make lots of money in the face of huge risks, Hughes was also a playboy of legendary proportions. Ever ready for a fling or a one-night stand, he managed long term love affairs with Katharine Hepburn and Ava Gardner. He was eventually undone by his obsessive compulsive behaviors and hypochondriac traits, which combined with developing mental illness.

There are segments of "The Aviator" that could stand as films on their own merit, such as the making of Hughes's "Hell's Angels"; the test piloting and crash of the spy plane XF-11; his testimony before Congress, or the flying of the mega-airplane known as the "Spruce Goose."

The acting and set pieces are a marvel to behold. Cate Blanchett would make anyone's short list for best supporting actress in her role as Katharine Hepburn. Kate Beckinsale shines as the glamorous Ava Gardner. Alec Baldwin is a businessman who is "sleazy good," while Alan Alda is the senator we love to hate, unless he's from our state.

Martin Scorsese gets both our votes for best director this year. Don't miss this story about America and what patriotism is all about if you are a person who has "real" money.

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The Aviator

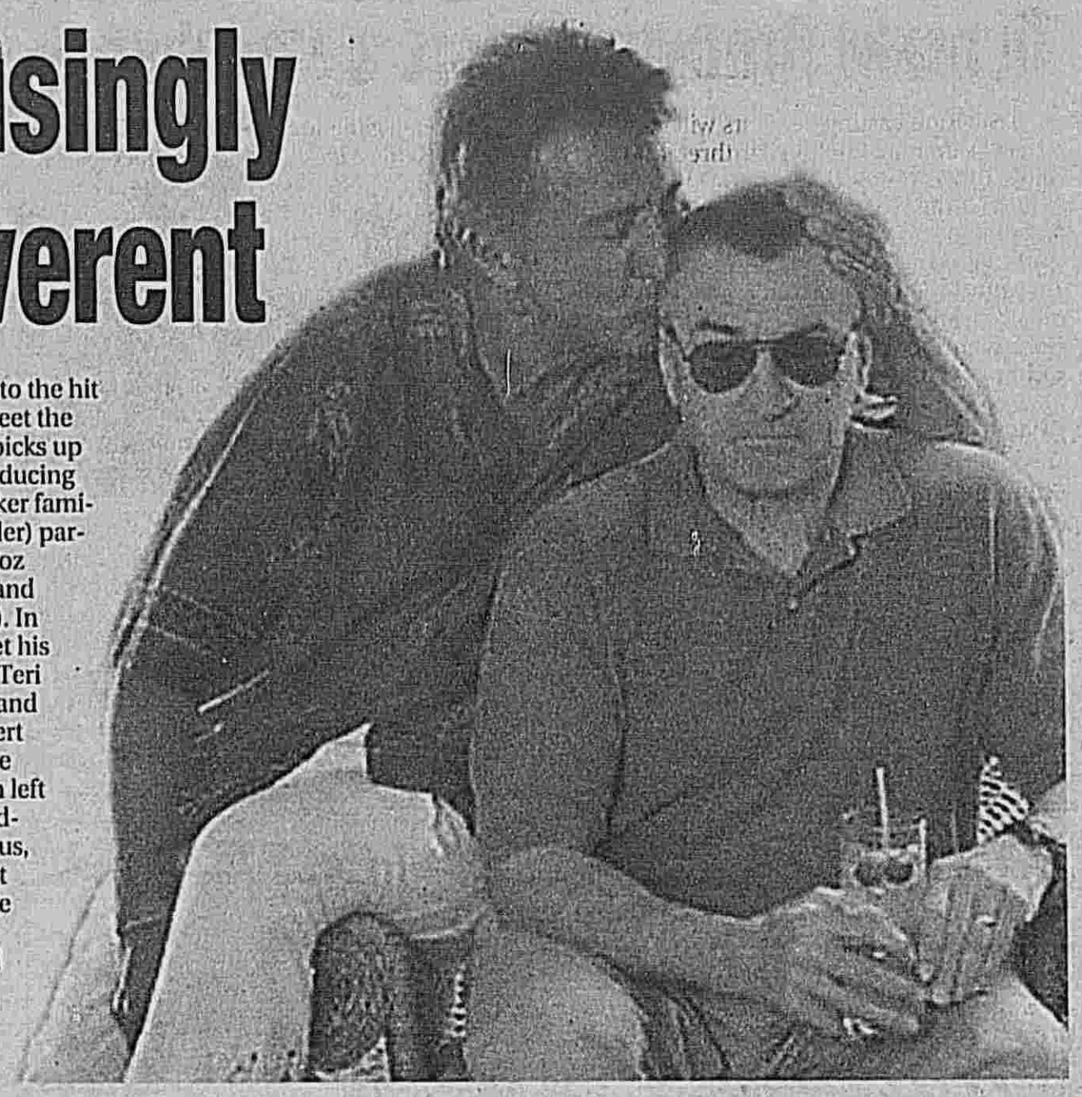
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Cast

Leonardo DiCaprio Howard Hughes
Cate Blanchett Katharine Hepburn
Kate Beckinsale ..Ava Gardner
Alec Baldwin Juan Trippe

Directed by Martin Scorsese. Epic Biopic. Rated PG-13 for profanity, sexual situations, and nudity. Running time: 169 minutes.

Amusingly irreverent



The sequel to the hit movie "Meet the Parents" picks up with introducing the rest of the Focker family, Greg's (Ben Stiller) parents, Bernie and Roz (Dustin Hoffman and Barbara Streisand). In "Parents" Greg met his fiancée Pamela's (Teri Polo) family, Jack and Dina Byrnes (Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner). That film left audiences doubled-over with numerous, priceless laugh out loud moments. We recall the funeral urn on the mantel and reflecting on Pamela Martha Focker's new name after she marries. And Jack is still watching every move Greg makes, a holdover from his CIA days. Remember Jack's lie-detector interrogation of Greg in the first film?

Here, it's time for the Byrnes to meet the Fockers, who live in Detroit. The plan is that everyone will rendezvous at the Fockers resort getaway in Florida.

Jack has a brand new bullet proof, luxury RV æ complete with direct link capability to CIA headquarters. So, Greg and Pam are commanded to join the Byrnes' and their baby grandson, and hit the highway. Jack has created an infant Einstein program that includes kiddy sign language, and this kid has the intellect, verbal skills and wit of the youngest sibling in "Lemony Snicket's."

The intended purpose of the gathering is for the families to get to know one another prior to the wedding. Jack thinks that the Fockers are high-powered professional people, a lawyer and a doctor. We know that things are going south (literally and figuratively) when we learn that after law school Bernie became a stay at home dad, and the family is supported by Roz, an enthusiastic and outspoken sex therapist.

The Fockers have no secrets and tell the Byrnes about Greg's loss of virginity, at age 19, to the voluptuous Isabel (Alanna Ubach), who still helps the family out around the house. Remarkably, Isabel's 15-year-old son looks a lot like Greg. That resemblance doesn't go unnoticed by Jack. Pam, on the other hand, announces to Greg that she's pregnant, and they should move the wedding to next month so they won't have to tell her father that she is expecting. Roz, with her sexual antenna always on alert, looks at Pam and knows that she's pregnant; and being the big mouth that she is, Roz is not able to keep that little gem to herself.

Take these ingredients with some clever writing and gags, and "Meet the Fockers" is a fine escapist movie for adults. The first film was arguably better, the surprise of the cast and the story, though it faded toward the end. "Fockers" is more consistently funny throughout. Just think about it...and say it five times, fast.

3.5

Meet the Fockers

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Cast

Robert De Niro Jack Byrnes
Ben Stiller Greg Focker
Dustin Hoffman Bernie Focker
Barbra Streisand ...Roz Focker

Directed by Jay Roach. Adult comedy. Rated PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, language and brief drug reference.

NEW RELEASES

These films are currently playing at local theaters. An average of six new reviews a week as well as recent releases can be found under Now Playing at www.reelmoviecritic.com.

opening this week

Beyond the Sea: Kevin Spacey plays Bobby Darin and sings the classic "Mack the Knife." Although not the swinger that Ray Charles was, his relationship wjth his wife, actress and singer Sandra Dee (Kate Bosworth), was headline worthy. **(PG-13)**

Darkness: This bloody horror movie was not screened for critics, which almost always means it's a dog. A teenage girl moves into a remote countryside home with her family, only to discover that their gloomy house has a horrifying past that threatens to destroy the family. Stars Anna Paquin and Lena Olin. **(PG-13)**

The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou: With a plan to exact revenge on a shark that killed his partner, oceanographer Steve Zissou (Bill Murray) assembles a team that includes his estranged wife (Anjelica Huston), a journalist (Cate Blanchett), and a man who may or may not be his son (Owen Wilson). This is for those fans of Murray that like him when he's in low key humor mode.**(R)**

still playing

The Incredibles (PG) 5

Vera Drake (R) 5
Best Actress Imelda Stauton as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association

A Very Long Engagement (R) 5
Best Foreign Language Film as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association

Million Dollar Baby (PG-13) 4
Best Director Clint Eastwood as selected by the Chicago Film Critics Association

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Adventurous families from throughout Chicagoland will want to visit the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont on Saturday, Jan. 8 and Sunday, Jan. 9 to meet with the casting directors and see if they or their family has what it takes to make it to primetime TV.

Survivor
(Casting Call: Saturday, Jan. 8, noon-4 p.m.)

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To be considered for the casting calls, families must be legally married, own their home and have full custody of their children. Rocket Science Laboratories, producers of the shows, requests that all potential participants bring two photos of their family and home to the casting call. Please note that the photos become the property of Rocket Science Laboratories and will not be returned.

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Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

Q: "What's the worst present you have ever given or received for Christmas?"

By Sandy Bressner and John Dickson



COLLEEN BRESNAHAN
Grayslake

"I don't smoke and I got a ceramic green frog with its tongue sticking out to put cigarettes out on the tongue. It was a white elephant gift."



DENISE GLOVER
Wauconda

"Snow skis, I had only skied four times. I was like, 'Oh wonderful!'"



SHEREE BARTA
Gurnee

"I got impressions of teeth in a white elephant gift."



ELSBETH SHENK
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"My dad gave me and my brother plastic swords one year."



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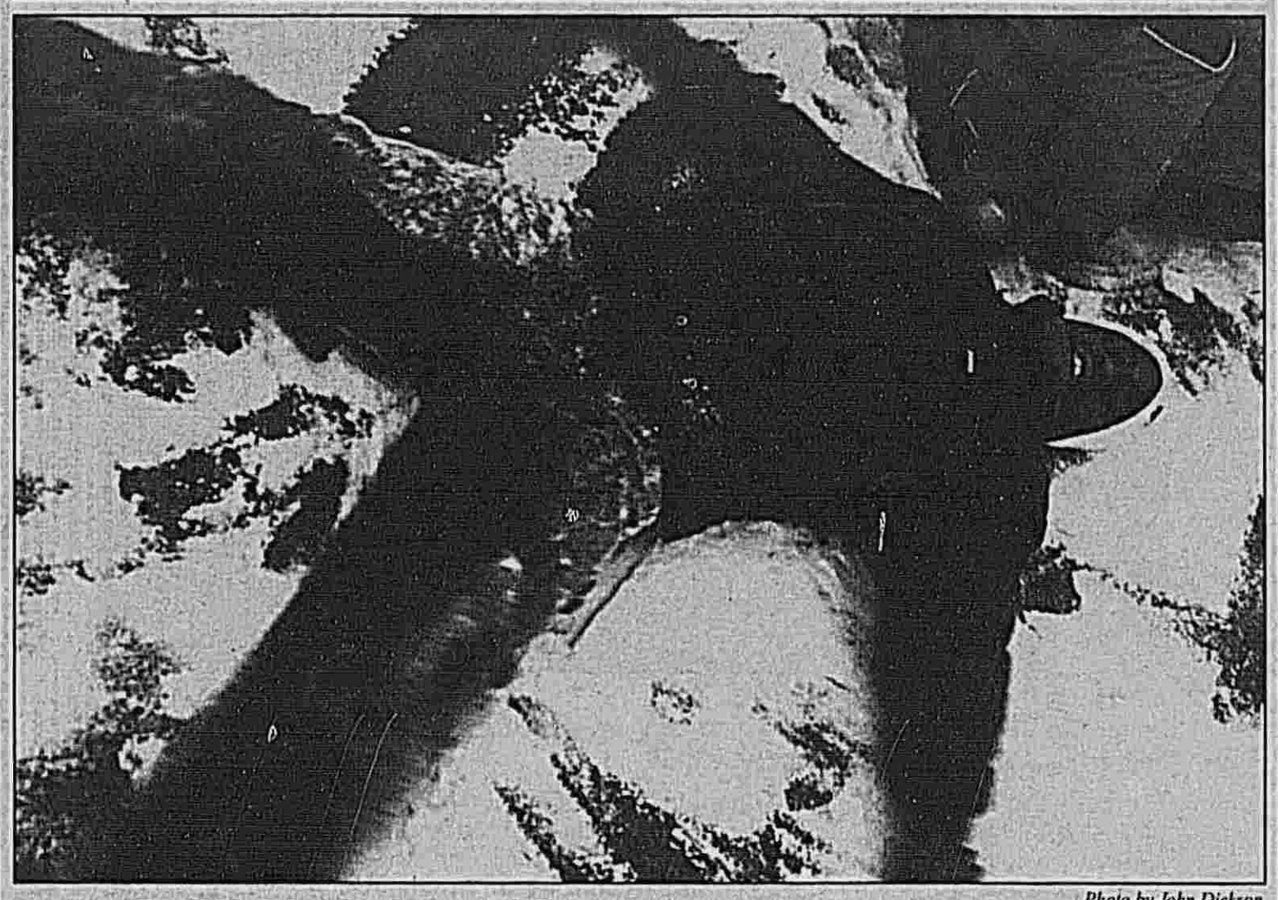


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Devonte Miller, 13, of Antioch, flaps his arms and legs to make a snow angel in the snow on top of a frozen pond in Antioch. Despite the extreme cold Miller and his cousins made the best of the weather.

'E-Babe'

1933 card sold at auction after lengthy dispute

By Brenda Balin

Staff Reporter

As baseball legend Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over 'til it's over."

At last, it is over.

The final chapter was written in the saga of another baseball legend—or, at least, his image.



Babe Ruth card: *Gets more than $2,500 on eBay.*

A 1933 Goudey Chewing Gum Babe Ruth card was sold on eBay on Dec. 23. After the 10-day online auction, the final bid was $2,550, placed by Burt Odelson, an Evergreen Park attorney, in his very first eBay auction.

The bid was more than ten times the amount originally paid by the seller, who waged an eight-year battle for ownership, finally settled in the Lake County courthouse on June 5.

The card's acknowledged owner, David Damos of Ingleside, said he intends to pay a modest percentage of the proceeds to his attorney, and the rest, after eBay fees, will be divided between the Boys and Girls Club of Lake County, in Waukegan, and the Redwing Hockey Organization of Barrington.

"It was never about the money," Damos said, referencing his fight for ownership of the card. "It was the principle. I'm not even taking back the original cost of the card or the cost of my time spent in court."

A former manager of youth baseball teams, Odelson was even more pleased about the outcome once he knew Damos planned to give the money to youth groups.

The card received 45 bids. The opening bid of $250 was the amount

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New year, new tax laws

Write-offs included for fuel-efficient cars

By Jeff Zachary

Staff Reporter

Taxpayers need to be aware of some new laws taking effect in 2005.

The new laws are a result of President George W. Bush signing the American Jobs Creation Act in October of 2004. This new legislation focuses on many business tax issues.

One new law allows taxpayers who itemize their deductions to elect to deduct state and local sales taxes instead of state and local income taxes for tax years 2004 and 2005.

Another new law deals with charitable contributions.

"Beginning in tax year 2005 the law requires a qualified appraisal for non-cash charitable contributions in excess of $5,000," said Bryan Gutraj, of Gutraj Accounting & Tax Services, Ltd., located in Hainesville.

"Also beginning in tax year 2005, it requires charitable organizations receiving contributions of used motor vehicles, boats, and airplanes valued at more than $500 to provide donors with an acknowledgment of the specific donation. Finally, the changes limit the amount of any charitable deduction of a used vehicle, boat, or airplane to the gross proceeds which the charitable organization receives from the sale of such items," Gutraj said.

The clean fuel vehicle deduction remains at $2,000 through 2005 for the original purchaser of a qualifying hybrid gas-electric car.

Cars qualifying for this deduction include the Toyota Prius, model years 2001 through 2005; the Honda

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More flu shots are available

Effective Jan. 3, the Lake County Health Department/ Community Health Center will offer flu shots while supplies last to Lake County residents who meet the latest risk criteria. The flu shots will be offered from 9-11 a.m., Monday through Friday at the Health Department's Immunization Clinic, 2303 Dodge Avenue in Waukegan. No appointment is necessary.

To qualify for a shot, individuals must be residents of Lake County and fall into one of the following categories: Children 6 - 23 months; Adults 50 and older; Persons with chronic medical conditions; be pregnant; healthcare workers; caregivers or household contacts of children less than 6 months of age

People 65 and over need to bring Medicare part B cards to the clinics, which covers the cost of the flu vaccine. Those not on Medicare part B will be charged $19. Flu shots will be provided until supplies are gone. The Health Department maintains a flu vaccine hotline with updates on flu shot availability at 847-377-8480.



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I-Pass sales surge as toll doubling nears

On Jan. 1, you'll pay twice the price without transponders

By Nicholas Alajakis
Staff Reporter

As the Illinois Tollway Authority gets closer to its plan which will double toll rates for non I-pass users, I-pass units are flying off the shelves and I-Pass lanes are becoming crowded.

As part of the Tollway's "Congestion Relief Plan," all toll rates in the state will increase beginning Jan. 1. Rates for cars will double, while commercial trucks will pay triple of what they are paying now, said Joelle McGinnis, press secretary for the Tollway authority.

The prices will not increase for passenger cars with an I-Pass, because the Tollway is encouraging more people to use I-pass to comply with its relief plan.

The 10-year, $5.3 billion plan, which was first introduced in August, will rebuild, or extend widen 90 percent of 274-mile system owned by the Tollway in northern Illinois. The changes are suppose to reduce congestion and pollution, said Jack Hartman, executive director of the Illinois State Tollway Authority.

The plan will reduce congestion by creating "open-road tolling," McGinnis said. Under the system, I-Pass users will not have to slow down when passing tolls. They can continue at 55 mph and only those who are paying with cash will have to veer off the road.

"You won't even realize you are paying a toll," McGinnis said.

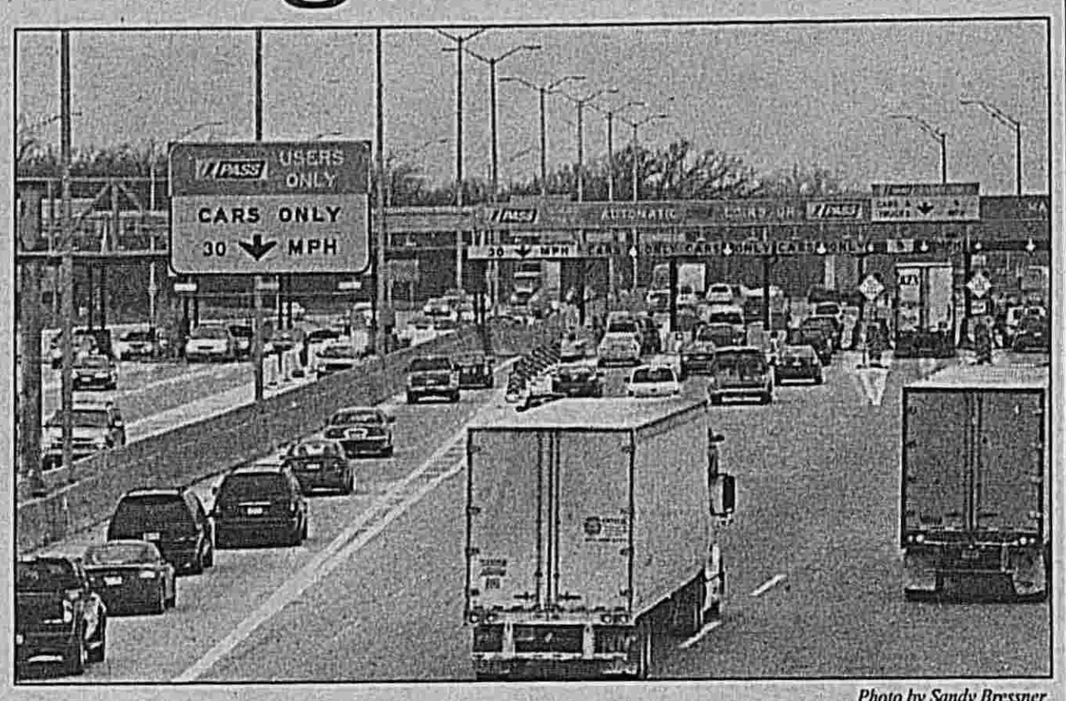


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Under the Illinois Toll Authority's new congestion relief plan, toll users will pay more beginning Jan. 1, unless they have I-PASS.

Currently the Tollway operates 20 mainline plazas in addition to 45 ramp toll plazas. Nine of the 20 plazas will be transformed to open-road- tolling by the end of 2005, with the rest following by 2007, McGinnis said.

As people anticipate the increase in talks, I-Pass sales have skyrocketed. In November the Tollway sold 45,000 I-Pass units. Then, in the second week of December alone, they sold 49,000 units.

The increase in I-pass users is making I-Pass lanes more crowded, but McGinnis said the Tollway anticipates that will end when the roads are expanded.

For those who do not switch to I-Pass they can expect to pay about six cents a mile to travel on the Tollway, McGinnis said. Those who do will continue to pay three cents. The increase is the first in the state since 1983, and is still less than the national average for urban areas, which comes in at about nine cents a mile.

I-Passes are sold at a number of locations. They can be bought online at www.getipass.com or over the phone at 1-800-UCIPASS. They can also be purchase at eight different toll plazas, including the Waukegan Toll Plaza. But the most popular place to purchase the unit is at Jewel stores, McGinnis said.

The unit costs $50, $440 of which goes toward tolls. There are various payment methods to replenish the unit, including checking accounts, or credit cards.

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Reduce holiday 'E-Waste' at SWALCO collection

Whether you've been naughty or nice, many people have unwanted electronics after they receive new computers, toys and appliances as holiday gifts.

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) is sponsoring a free one-day collection of unwanted household electronics for Lake County residents on Jan. 29 at the Lake County Public Works Department in Libertyville (650 W. Winchester Rd.) from 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. A variety of products, including computers, household electronics and home office equipment will be accepted.

The National Retail Federation reported that holiday shoppers spent over $13 billion on electronics and appliances last year, and they expect a 4.5 percent increase for this year. These gifts can lead to old, obsolete equipment being stored in basements and garages because residents do not know how to dispose of "e-waste."

The purpose of the SWALCO collection is to recycle as much as possible from the collected electronic products, ensure hazardous materials are safely disposed of, and save valuable landfill space in the process. Items that will NOT be accepted include dehumidifiers, air conditioners, or large appliances (e.g. stoves, refrigerators, freezers), and house hold chemical wastes.

This event is for residents only. Businesses or other institutions such as schools, that need assistance with electronics recycling should contact SWALCO for a referral. More information about electronics recycling and disposal can be found on SWALCO's online Disposal Guide (www.swalco.org) or by calling the SWALCO office at 847-336-9340.

Shelter relocation plan nixed; input sought

By Steve Peterson
Staff Reporter

A plan to relocate picnic shelter areas from their present locations at Lakewood Forest Preserve to an area south of Ivanhoe Road has been scrapped.

Local opposition mounted to the preliminary land use concept plan, presented by staff in November.

"It is so many people who are opposed to it. We all worked hard on the referendums to protect the natural habitat. We don't want to see it turned into park and recreational use," Sheila Watson said.

The site that the shelters would be relocated to is too close to the Barnswallow, an animal rehabilitation and wildlife center that is protected by federal law, objectors state.

About 1,000 signatures have been collected on petitions opposing such a plan. A hearing will be held at Lake County Discovery Museum at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 to allow for public input. The area in question is about 45 acres and would include parking, according to the former plan.

"There would be 700 to 900 parking spots and unbelievable noise. They would delete some equestrian trails and put others in: The area is home to owls, hawks, deer, coyote and Sandhill Cranes," Watson said.

Lake County Forest Preserve President Bonnie Thomson Carter (R-Ingleside) said that she agreed with the resident's concerns.

"The Forest Preserve will hold a meeting at the end of January for public input. The big issue is Lakewood which is a unique forest preserve. We can work so that people can ride a horse or walk and the only sounds that you will hear are nature. We hear their concerns that there would be threats to that peacefulness. Lakewood has 3,000 acres and the community needs to come together to allow uses that people can enjoy without threatening each other," Carter said.

An advisory committee of a wide variety of users will be set up. It will include Wauconda Park District, the village of Wauconda, Friends of the Lake County Discovery Museum, equestrian trail users and others, Carter said. She noted that the overall use of Lakewood would increase soon, with 10,000 people moving into the Wauconda area in the next few years. The area is a low-quality farm field, she said.

Nearby resident Lorraine Ray said that while the Oak trees around the present shelter sites have drawn concern, such is not the case for Oaks on the south side of Ivanhoe Road.

"It is a place where people are very passionate about," said Barnswallow owner Laura Brewer. "The area is a sensitive one that wildlife rely on for migratory."

Others said that there are much better areas in Lakewood for the shelters.

A model airplane club once used the area, but residents objected to that use as well.

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Law students help combat discrimination

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

The Fair Housing Center of Lake County has joined forces with a local law school to help residents gain equitable housing opportunities.

A component of SER – Jobs for Progress, Inc. of Lake County, the housing center recently announced a partnership with the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Clinic in Chicago to work toward eliminating local housing discrimination. Students will provide through legal advice and action on cases that are believed to be housing discrimination based on state and federal elements of the Fair Housing Act.

The students give an invaluable service, said Fair Housing Center Director Patricia Konicki, as the center's funding has decreased in recent years. Changing demographics, growing diversity and population growth in Lake County's western section may encourage further housing discrimination, she said.

Konicki said she was "ecstatic" over the results achieved by Marshall's students. "It's very difficult to obtain legal representation for the clients who have been discriminated against, and it's wonderful," she said.

After calling Marshall earlier this year to request assistance on an issue, Konicki discussed creating an ongoing partnership that would give the school's students an opportunity to immediately utilize their classroom knowledge. The program will likely be continued during future school years.

Timely responses and the students' commitment to serving their clients have most impressed Konicki, who said that Marshall has remained a resource for the center throughout the past several years.

Filing a complaint regarding housing discrimination leads to a "long, drawn-out process," she said, and "a lot of the time you lose the complainant halfway through because they drop out of the process." The students' help speeds up that process and leads to quicker results, she said.

> **'I believe the partnership will be an effective vehicle for eliminating discrimination in housing in Lake County'**
>
> **F. Willis Caruso**
> *John Marshall Law professor*

Beginning in June, students chosen by Marshall Professor F. Willis Caruso have represented some clients in court, and gather with others at the center office or the Chicago clinic. Caruso said that senior law students have been assigned to the housing center, "and I believe the partnership will be an effective vehicle for eliminating discrimination in housing in Lake County."

A student has already helped make a tangible difference for the center, providing legal counsel for a client who won an out-of-court settlement from his landlord in northeastern Lake County. The legal accomplishment won praise from Konicki, who said that the center had previously failed to reach a settlement with the developer in Lake County Circuit Court.

Since the center's inception in 1996, more than 1800 families have registered reports, and nearly 250 cases have been found to be legitimate housing discrimination complaints. Residents wishing to file a complaint may call 847-336-3247, and there will be no charges for any services offered.

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ALOOKBACK

Lake County history from the Lakeland Archives

10 YEARS AGO • 1994

Officials in Round Lake Beach were waiting to propose an opening of a new train station in town. Metra officials were waiting potential plans from the village for a station on the Wisconsin Central Line. Funds from the project were slated to come in part from a $213,000 state grant.

A Lindenhurst police officer was shot at on Christmas day, following a high-speed chase on Route 45. According to police, a passenger in the vehicle shot at officers with a pistol as police approached the vehicle.

Police departments were preparing to institute a new "zero tolerance" law. Under the law all drivers under the age of 21 would face DUI-type penalties if they were caught driving with any trace of alcohol in their system. First time offenders were looking at a three-month penalty.

15 YEARS AGO • 1989

Two people were killed after being involved in an accident near Arbor Vista Road. The accident occurred when one vehicle went off the road and then over corrected, and struck another vehicle near Route 45.

An Ingleside man was killed after is snowmobile stuck a pier near Lakeside Inn Resort in Fox Lake. According to police, the driver was going about 70 mph when he struck the pier. The passenger, a Rosemont man, survived when he bailed off the machine.

Park City officials were working on repairing broken water meters in the city that were costing the town money.

Members of the Fremont School District in Mundelein were planning a special session to plan for a $3.5 million building fund referendum. The money would fund a new, 16-room school site.

20 YEARS AGO • 1984

An arson fire gutted nearly one-third of Warren's High School on O'Plaine Road. The fire, which occurred over Christmas break, caused damage to 27 rooms on the original part of the school. Due to the severity of the fire, students had to attend class for the next few years at Lake Forest West.

Compiled by Nicholas Alajakis

Finalists named for judgeships

The Circuit Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit have named the finalists for the Associate Judge vacancies created by the retirements of Lake County Associate Judges Terrence J. Brady and John G. Radosevich.

Chief Judge Christopher Starck has certified the names of Nancy Schuster Waites of Mundelein and George D. Strickland of Riverwoods for the Brady vacancy, and Charles D. Johnson of Buffalo Grove and Christopher R. Stride of Lake Bluff for the Radosevich vacancy.

Attorney elected to Vista board

The appointment of Charles Smith (Waukegan) to the Board of Directors for Vista Health was announced today by Gerald Pearson, chairman of the board.

"With his knowledge of the lakeshore communities and involvement in many north Lake County villages and cities. Mr. Smith will bring an important local perspective to providing healthcare to this area," said Pearson.

Smith is past president of the Lake County Bar Association, and has been active in the Illinois State Bar Association.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Boston College and a law degree from St. Louis University. He and his family (Michele McNamara Smith and their two children) have made their home in Waukegan for the past 28 years.



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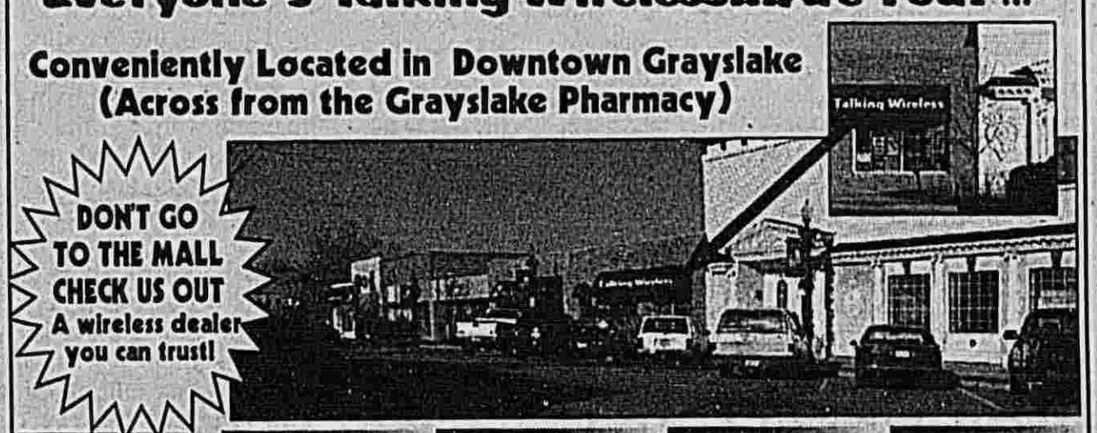
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Homework time for voters—again

It won't be "business as usual" for local elected officials in the coming weeks and months. Election time is just down the road, the consolidated election April 5 where every unit of local government in Lake County is involved. As a practical political matter, every elected official is impacted whether on the ballot or not.

Grassroots governments won't exactly come to a standstill, but, politics being politics, the "work of the people" will carry a lower priority for awhile as candidates and their supporters jockey for position.

In a majority of municipalities, filling the office of mayor for another four years will be the marquee attraction. All township offices will be on the block. Trustees for the College of Lake County, Fox Waterway Agency and Regional School office will be elected. To be filed will be seats on the board of education, library board, fire district and more.

The consolidated election begins with candidate filing with units of local government. Balloting April 5 (and a primary Feb. 22 in Waukegan and North Chicago) will be handled by the office of County Clerk Willard Helander. There will be voting at all the county's 458 precincts. Regular voter registration rules will apply.

For Helander and Elections Director Cindy Pagano, the consolidated election is bigger than the fall general and presidential election. "More complex, not more complicated," explained Pagano. Besides the multiplicity of governmental units, there is a small army of candidates, possibly up to 700 or more. A total of 380,000 voters will be eligible to cast ballots.

Absentee voting in the clerk's office in Waukegan begins Feb. 24. Absentee ballots at off-site polling places can be cast beginning March 14.

After April 5, many offices will not be heard from again. This is not to denigrate holders of lesser known offices, who do their best work out of the limelight But in the case of municipalities, townships and school boards, the actions of candidates elected will be intertwined with daily life.

A word for our readers and the citizenry in general. Take time to get acquainted with the candidates and issues. It'll be worthwhile. This newspaper will do its best to inform our community about who's running and what for. That's our job. Cut out for the voting public will be the job of learning about the candidates and why they are running. As we stressed above, it's homework time for voters.



VIEWPOINT

Holidays mean it's pedicure time



Bill Schroeder
Publisher

This was the holiday season where the softer side of guys was revealed in a big way.

Personal care was a big topic of conversation and personal service businesses advertised how men can look and feel better about themselves. The new talk wasn't all about health club work outs with the goal of shedding pounds or developing killer abs. Man talk these days is as much about creams, lotions and achieving attractive hands and feet as are the old staples of beer, babes and football.

This was brought home to your observer at a pre-Christmas dinner party where two of the guys mentioned their Saturday morning appointment for a pedicure. Maybe a manicure, too. "Try it. You'll like it," your mossback editorial type was advised. Nothing like a professional foot bath, the manly men insisted.

Mind you, the party chit chat wasn't about old-style massage parlors. Wink. Wink. A massage these days is a real massage, designed to iron out both muscle and mental kinks.

The Inner Spa located at the Women's Center in Condell Medical Center, Libertyville, went to great pains to encourage use of gift certificates for men to pamper themselves. The spa is tuned in on body wraps, aromatic body polish, facial treatments and hair care for women. Facilities also are more than adequate, in addition, for men interested in haircuts, massages, manicures and pedicures.

There's a well defined, burgeoning industry in the Lakeland area catering to personal care for the male gender. And more and more guys are getting acquainted with their soft side. Business is good. Remember, manicures and pedicures aren't for sissies.

Holiday visitor

Rear Adm. Kevin Quinn, on holiday leave from a command post in the Far East, will address students at his alma mater, North Chicago High, at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5. Part of his leave will be spent visiting his mother, a resident of Libertyville. Quinn is the first North Chicago grad to attain the rank of admiral.

Hopes for 2005

Things I'd like to see in the 12 months ahead:

A peaceful election in Iraq and draw down of U.S. troops...Chicago World Series...Begin design work on untangling the Rte. 120-83 bottleneck, Lake County's biggest traffic headache...The PC police take a back seat to common sense and honest thoughts...Approval of a casino for Waukegan...That my trusty Underwood, the butt of many jokes, makes it through another year...More time spent with the golf clubs...Television news anchors who stick to reporting instead of inflicting their prejudices on the viewers...End of yo-yo gasoline prices...Victory lap for new U.S. Sen. Barack Obama that includes Lake County...More voters than candidates in the confusing, jam-packed consolidated April 5 election...

COMMENTARY



SEEING IT THROUGH
John Matijevich

Melissa Bean—Start of a bright career in Congress

In a matter of days, Melissa Bean will be sworn in as the U. S. Representative from the 8th Congressional District. Her victory over Philip M. Crane, who held a seat in Congress for 35 years, was considered a huge upset even though she garnered 43 percent of the vote in her first attempt at unseating him two years ago.

Her very aggressive, personalized, and well-funded campaign, Crane's perception of having lost touch with voters in the district, some early remarks from GOP leaders that disparaged his responsiveness to his constituency, his long tenure in Congress, and other factors, led to Bean's win in what is called the most conservative district in Illinois.

There will be a lot of "Bean counters" between Washington and Illinois anxious to get back the 8th District into the Republican column. Gary Skoien, who is chairman of the Cook County Republican Party, has been quoted as saying that it will be "fairly easily retaken." Gary twice tried to knock off Phil Crane but lost in the 1992 and the 1994 primaries. He has political savvy but I think that "he had his tongue in his cheek," in saying that it would be easy for the GOP to regain the seat.

Melissa Bean already knows that Republican "wannabees" will come out of the woodwork and their Republican primary election for the 8th District may be as crowded as the 10th was when Congressman John Porter retired. It may include some who will be able to finance their entire campaigns, some who have political clout, and others who just like to duke it out because it's a political contest.

For all of the salivating that those would-be candidates are enjoying at the moment and already counting out Melissa Bean for the knock-out in 2006, they had better remember that time-worn warning, "don't count your chickens before they're hatched." With their "eye in the sky," they might lower their sights and take a reality check.

The first realism is that political history shows that when a candidate wins a seat in Congress, the next election is "theirs to lose," no matter the political makeup of the district. In other words, incumbents just don't lose; the political power of holding the office is that strong. Also, one's first re-election campaign is usually successful because voters feel that any public official needs a reasonable amount of time to prove themselves worthy. That's especially true for Congress where the term of office is only two years.

Also, no one is catching Melissa Bean by surprise. On the night of Nov. 2, after all the votes were counted, she knew that she would be a prime target two years hence, so her next campaign started that evening.

Melissa Bean also knows that she will have to begin immediately what no candidate likes to do and that is raising funds for the race two years from now. To raise the funds that she will need in 2006 will take more than a few fundraisers. People "like to back winners," so it will be much easier as an incumbent for her to raise funds for the next campaign.

Melissa will be campaigning non-stop for the next two years. She will be back in the district on issues that affect her constituency. She will gain many new friends, many who voted for Crane and never thought that they could support a Democrat.

For those who say that the 8th District "belongs to the Republicans," they should realize that the 8th District belongs to the people who reside there, and a person of either political stripe can represent them responsibly. When Senators Terry Link and Susan Garrett and State Rep. Kathy Ryg won in what were identified as Republican districts, all of them have since won quite handily, because they have served ably .

When Melissa Bean soon raises her right hand to be sworn into office, I predict that it will be the start of a long career in public office for her. I am not in the habit of predicting a political winner two years in advance of the campaign, but in her case, I believe that she will win, and by a larger margin, in 2006.

PARTYLINES

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Crane takes pass on retirement fete

Outgoing Congressman **Phil Crane** (R-8th) dashed cold water on plans to hold a combination retirement-tribute dinner early in the new year.

"I'm not retired," Crane reportedly rejoined when told about dinner plans.

"I'm not sure how that should be taken," noted **Bob Neal**, last president of the 8th District Republican Club and a former Lake County Republican chairman. For a number of years, the 8th District Republican Club was a key component in Crane's team. The club was involved in fund raising, arranged periodic public affairs report programs and supported the long-time GOP Congressman in a variety of ways.

Out of office, Crane is expected to pull up stakes and make suburban Washington, D.C. his permanent residence. For 15 years he and his wife, Arlene, maintained a condo in Wauconda as their district home and official voting address. The Cranes have three children who are D.C. area residents

Phones were not answered at Crane's district offices in Lake Villa and Palatine during the holidays. A phone message was played for calls to the 8th District Congressional office in Cannon House.



Crane: *Shuns limelight after voters end long career.*



Wipper: *Looks for work; resume tells story of public service.*

The 8th District Republican Club will be either dissolved or put in mothballs until the party can mount a campaign to recapture the district in 2006. Neal will be devoting the bulk of his civic time to affairs of the Lake County Council of U.S. League where he is incoming president, replacing Tom Doddington of Waukegan who served in the position for five years.

Time for picking

Fremont Township Supervisor **Pete Tekampe** tended to the completion of corn picking work during the holidays while preparing for family festivities and formulating plans for the spring political campaign. Tekampe operates a thriving custom farming business besides handling his responsibilities as a public official.

Down to none

With the retirement Dec. 31 of Associate Judge **Terrence J. Brady**, the Lake County bench is devoid of a Democrat jurist for the first time in many years. The late **Phil Yager** of Lake Bluff broke the ice nearly a half century ago becoming the first Democratic judge in county history. Since then there usually has been at least one Democrat serving as judge. Democrats have been making steady gains in recent years, but not in judgeships. Brady was appointed associate judge in 1977.

Looking for work

Former Coroner **Jim Wipper** has his resume in circulation and is seeking employment. Qualifications include experience in the public sector, crack investigator, willing to work long hours, flexible schedule.

Speaking her mind

Prospects for a livlier political scene are unfolding in the Village of Wadsworth where former Mayor **Evelyn Hoselton** has launched a campaign for the village council. Hoselton is known for speaking her mind. Friends and supporters say she has plenty to talk about in the campaign that will culminate April 5.

Veto vows

Antioch Mayor **Taso Maravellas** finished 2004 like he began the new year—at odds with village trustees. Maravellas' vows for 2005 include vetoing any ordinances he sees as objectionable to his personal convictions for community progress.

Marvaellas won election in 2001 by a slim margin, defeating **Marilyn Shineflug**. The mercurial village leader will face female opposition again with Trustee **Dorothy Larson** in the running for mayor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist 'victim' of holiday media campaign

This letter is in response to Bill Schroeder's "Viewpoint" column entitled "Keeping Christ in Christmas." I have two big issues with Mr. Schroeder's comments. One, Mr. Schroeder has taken great liberties with the facts as they occurred at Spring Grove Elementary School, and two in suggesting that schools "teach about Jesus Christ in a historical context and call it education," he completely ignores the fact that part of what makes different religions different is the historical context Jesus Christ is put in.

Are you suggesting Mr. Schroeder, that schools try and sneak religion as you see it into the curriculum by calling it historical fact? If so, that's a very dangerous path you wish the schools to take.

Religious disagreements aside, here are the facts as I understand them: District 2 and Spring Grove Elementary School decided on their own to be more inclusive this year with their holiday (not "religious") program by including song numbers from other cultures and holiday celebrations.

The holiday of Christmas was still very present in the concert as well as in the school which was decorated with cut out Christmas trees, hosted "Breakfast With Santa," presented Christmas Around the World" and had many other Christmas events and symbols on-site.

One person called one religious organization, which immediately contacted a Christian legal organization. That organization, without any calls or verification from the school district, started an immediate media campaign to single out Spring Grove Elementary School. As this organization has done countless times before, they started a smear campaign designed to get news coverage and attract the exact response you submitted in "Viewpoint."

Feel free to verify the facts. This group has a well stated political agenda. Their initial push is to make it look like a few offended families forced a school district to remove "Christ from Christmas." Ultimately, they try and create a community uproar against those alleged complainers, with the end goal of forcing religion, as they see it, to be taught in the public school classrooms. That is not what happened in Spring Grove and it is completely unfair to the citizens of this town and the school district which made every effort to put together an inclusive, well balanced and enjoyable holiday season of events. Unfortunately, Mr. Schroeder not only you fell victim to this targeted media campaign; he became a willing participant.

I strongly believe that the vast majority of families, including my own, felt just fine with the district's and school's handling of their holiday events. I'm very proud of my community and of Spring Grove Elementary School, and won't let them be the victims of creative reporting and political manipulation without a fight.

Sande S. Shamash, Esq.
Spring Grove

Find a new job

After reading the article by Laura Jastram, district teachers tired, stressed, I decided to write this retort because enough is enough. I know that many teachers in District 46 are excellent and very dedicated to their profession, but unfortunately, it is the whiners and discontented teachers that make headlines. My reply to Mr. Gold, about using the table because his plate runneth over, well, at least you're not using the floor. It seems to me that teachers, who feel they are stressed out because of their job, join the club called working for a living.

How benevolent your intent to continue working in District 46. Frankly, the real reason you and others like you are staying is because of current and future retirement benefits. Nowhere are you guaranteed job security as you are with tenure. Nowhere can you get excellent pay for 9.5 months of work. No where are you automatically given a raise just by working another year. No where are you completely reimbursed (taxpayer monies) for seeking advanced degrees and courses. Nowhere are you automatically placed into another salary level because of completed courses. Nowhere are your benefits secured. Nowhere are your retirement pension and medical benefits guaranteed. In other words, your motive for staying is something other than the mentor program and reinstatement of programs. As for the younger teachers, they are leaving because in order to secure tenure, they must teach three years and due to the cutbacks, classroom teaching opportunities are filled based on seniority, however, it would be interesting to see how many have enjoyed working on advanced degrees while they were employed in District 46.

As far as the referendum again being presented in April 2005, I don't know why the board continues "beating a dead horse." The referendum that passed in November 2004 only passed by 21 votes and since the results were in so early, it would be interesting to note if all the absentee votes were counted, but that's another issue. However the referendum, to reinstate programs, lost by over a thousand votes. Frankly, Grayslake has a higher tax base than Lake Forest, and our schools are not doing that well compared to the collar communities (Lakeland Press, December, 2003), even those district, with a higher rate of minority students.

Also, in order to earn their elementary teaching certificate, all classroom teachers must take classes in music, art and gym for their certification. Since everyone teaching in District 46 has a teaching certificate, why were these programs cut when each teacher is certified and qualified to teach these classes? Perhaps they would lose their hour and 15 minutes planning time, since the elementary schools start at 8 a.m. and leave at 1:45 p.m.? Sorry, when I taught, I had to teach my own art, music and gym, only had a half hour for lunch and had to do lunch and recess duty—guess what, I survived.

How can District 46 ask homeowners to support an outrageous tax increase so teachers can be less stressed? If you don't like what you're doing, leave and find another job. I feel so sorry for the children of District 46; they have been made victims by an incompetent board of education, school administrators who use their position as a vehicle for self-promotion and now, by some teachers who have me concerned about themselves then they are about their students—the students deserve better.

Ellie Collins
Grayslake

Opposes shelters

I object to the proposed changes at Lakewood Forest Preserve, on the south side of Ivanhoe Road. The Lake County Forest Preserves Preliminary Master Plan wants to put eight picnic shelters on 1 to 1 1/2 acres of land for each picnic shelter. This area should be left as it currently is, a beautiful retreat for people to enjoy a quiet unspoiled area and a habitat for the large diversity of wildlife. The picnic shelters will create noise from the picnickers, cars, music, parties and the destruction of habitat and wildlife.

Sheilah Watson
Lake Zurich

Making killers

An open letter to President Bush:

Can you ever forgive yourself for the Iraq war? For the deaths of so many young men and women. For the many, many maimed young men and women? And especially for making killers of all those soldiers and marines—not to defend their country but to fulfill a misguided "Plan."

You say you talk to God. Wake up, Mr. President, God is not patting you on the back for what you've done. Will God forgive you? Can you ever forgive yourself? It would be wise to avail yourself of the psychological counseling offered to our traumatized troops.

Marianne Guy
Antioch

Creating jobs

I read the story in the Antioch News that parked controversy at a village board meeting regarding the hiring of a new village employee, and more articles in the newspapers after this meeting.

First of all, I would like to give kudos to all the reporters who covered this story. It is the job of the press to keep all Antioch residents informed as to what is going on at village board meetings, as not all residents can or want to attend meetings. Between keeping up with newspapers articles, reading the meeting minutes online, and attending an occasional meeting, I know enough about what has happened in the past year or so to know that temporary part-time jobs or full time jobs have been discussed at length. Additionally, official motions have been made and votes have been taken before creating any new positions. This is clearly a new position, even if it is only a job of four to eight hours per week.

My concern is now the precedence has been set. I told my mother-in-law who is 82 years old to go see the mayor and maybe she could pick up a few hours a week to supplement her income. I feel the village board needs to follow their procedures they have in place for every decision the board makes, and not let individual members of the board make rules that fit their needs.

Joan Horan
Antioch

Ruinous TIF plan

I have never met Joyce Frayer (current trustee-candidate for Lake Villa mayor). If I lived in her village, she would get my vote. There are vital issues being considered in the village by the mayor and trustees, which will impact future taxes for years to come.

The Lake Villa Record has been publishing reports on meetings of the proposed TIF district (Central Baptist property and downtown Lake Villa), plus rezoning of Cedar Lake and Sherwood Park properties. Many letters to the editor have also been published on both issues.

The Christmas season is a busy time for all residents, and therefore a good time to pass both issues while you aren't paying attention. Get involved-go to the meetings and speak up before it's too late. Fox Lake residents worked hard to stop the TIF district there, but they lost out.

Read the Dec. 17 issue of the Lake Villa Record, Brenda Balin's column, John Matijevich commentary-editorial page (on TIF districts) and Joyce Frayer's letter to the editor, very informative on the issues.

Developers must find other ways (than TIF) to finance their upscale building projects.

Rezoning of Cedar Lake and Sherwood Park must allow land (before development) to widen Grand Avenue, long needed through all of Lake Villa.

It may be a good thing for Lake Villa to grow, but not with a TIF district at the expense of local taxing bodies now up to 35 years. Our schools already need to have referendums for new schools and operating budgets.

Will the village of Lake Villa increase the impact fees developers should pay for District 41 schools? Or will our taxes have to be raised to make up the shortfall?

Mary Rozga
Venetian Village

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CARD

Damos paid for the card. Based on the PSA rating of 2 ("good") out of 10 ("mint"), the card was expected to bring $1,200-1,500 in auction.

"I'd have gone as high as $3,000," Odelson said. "It is nice to be able to buy something you enjoy and also have the money go to a good cause."

Damos, who used to own a baseball card shop in Lindenhurst, purchased the card for only $250 in 1996. According to Damos, a couple of weeks later, a man came into the shop and claimed the card was his.

Lindenhurst Police took the card into their custody, pending a court order establishing ownership.

After seven years, Damos was moved to sue the village of Lindenhurst when news media reported the card was to be auctioned off on eBay last March.

An heir of the alleged victim of theft, came forward as an interested party, when a newspaper reporter contacted her about the lawsuit.

Damos finally received the card back in June, when Judge Michael J. Fritz said, "With an uninterrupted chain of ownership from Damos to the Lindenhurst Police Department, there is no question in my mind that the card should go to Mr. Damos."

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TAX

Insight, model years 2000 through 2004; and the Honda Civic Hybrid, model years 2003 and 2004.

According to information published by the accounting firm of Dam, Snell and Taveirne, LTD, located in Libertyville and Fox Lake, a good way to increase your itemized deductions for 2004 is to pay state or local income taxes early by making any January estimated payments before Dec. 31, 2004.

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CLC awards contract for Southlake construction

The College of Lake County board of trustees awarded a contract for $13.89 million to Doherty Construction of Woodstock, to construct a new classroom building at the college's Southlake Educational Center in Vernon Hills.

The 49,029-square-foot building will include 6 general classrooms, 11 computer laboratories, a science laboratory, a child-care center, a bookstore and a learning resource center. Construction of the building, which will allow the college to expand programs and services offered in south Lake County, is scheduled to begin in spring.

In other action, the board voted to establish a Paralegal Studies program, offering a degree and certificate. The new credentials will prepare students for in-demand paraprofessional legal careers, for which the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, projects excellent employment potential through the year 2012. Pending approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the Illinois Community College Board, the new program is scheduled to be offered starting in August 2005.

In purchasing, the board approved a bid of $11,993 from Warner Offset of South Elgin, Ill., for printing the Spring 2005 second eight-week class schedule. The board also approved a bid from Englewood Electric of Elk Grove Village, Ill., for $18,805.02 for programmable controllers for the Electrical Motors and Control Laboratory in the new Technology Building.

Under non-biddable items, the board authorized the purchase of a one-year subscription for Autodesk software from Autodesk Corp. of San Rafael, Calif., in the amount of $27,500. The software is used to instruct students in the Computer-Aided Design (CAD) and Engineering programs.

Following a public hearing, the board approved a notice of intent to issue $4.5 million in bonds. The sale of the bonds will fund a portion of the cost of constructing the new Southlake Educational Center classroom building.

The board also approved an updated cooperative educational agreement with William Rainey Harper College that allows CLC students to complete Harper's programs in diagnostic medical sonography (A.A.S. degree and certificate program) and the vascular technologist certificate.

In personnel related matters, the board passed resolutions honoring the retirements of Barbara Hermon, a custodian, and instructors Jerry Hinkley (biology) and Ted Schaefer (English). The board also approved the appointment of Marvin Allen as a full-time instructor in the Refrigeration, Heating and Air Conditioning program.

Under grants, the board accepted $80,829, CLC's portion of a larger grant for $338,130, which was awarded to the College of DuPage in partnership with CLC, Oakton Community College and William Rainey Harper College. CLC's portion of the grant goes to funding a portion of the cost of training for small- and mid-sized businesses provided by the college's Business and Industry Services Department.

Under grants, the board accepted a grant from the Illinois Community College Board's Career and Technical Education (Tech Prep Support) program for $44,593. The grant will be used to develop a system for tracking the progress of students as they transition between high school and college career preparation programs.

A members exhibition featuring a diverse group of fine art media created by more than 90 Lake County artists will open at the College of Lake County on Jan. 14 and run until Feb. 27. The exhibit will kick off with a reception on Friday, Jan. 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art on the College of Lake County's Grayslake campus. The opening night reception, which is free and open to the public, will include refreshments and musical entertainment.

For further information about the gallery, or the opening, call (847) 543-2240 or go to http://yyz.clcillinois.edu/artgallery. The gallery is open Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

The College of Lake County is closed for winter break until Jan. 2.



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OBITUARIES

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Eileen Olsen

Age 78 years of Antioch passed away Wednesday Dec. 22, 2004 at her home. Before her retirement, she worked for Kemper Insurance in Long Grove as a data processor.

Survivors include her husband Hert 'Swede' Olsen, five children Alan (Kay) Kratz of Ely, Minn., Keith (Jeanette) Kratz of Buffalo Grove, Roger (Jennifer) Kratz of Kildeer, Susan (Mark) Gruwell of Signal Mt., Tenn., Sheri (Greg) Brown of St. Louis, Mo.; 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her first husband Raymond Kratz in May of 1987; her mother Louise, a brother and a sister.

Private interment will be in Elm Lawn Cemetery Elmhurst. Those desiring may make contributions to Save-a-Pet, 31664 Fairfield Rd., Grayslake, IL 60030 in her memory. Strang Funeral Home of Antioch handled the arrangements.

Stephen C. Sowka

Age 56 of Bristol, Wis. passed away Friday, Dec. 24, 2004 at the V. A. Medical Center, Milwaukee, Wis. He was born in Chicago, the son of Edward and Erna (Mueller) Sowka. Steve served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a security guard for the Sequoit Harbor Marina in Antioch.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheila (Michael) Chandler of Biloxi, Miss. and Lisa (Robert) Mitchuson of Kirksey, KY, His Mother Erna M. Sowka and her companion Don Hill of Bristol, Wis., four grandchildren; a sister Linda (Edward) Ziemann of Spring Grove; a brother and his dear companion Michalene Ericksen. He is preceded in death by his father Edward Sowka.

Funeral Service with Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 30, at St. Scholastica Church, Bristol, Wis. Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 29, at the Strang Funeral Home, 1055 Main St. (Route 83) Antioch. Private interment of his cremains will be in Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove, Wis.

Jeanette L. Szpicki

Age 78 of Antioch, passed away Sunday, Dec. 19, 2004 at her home. She was born in Manitoba, Canada, the daughter of the late Armund and Madeline (Reynes) Ruts. Jeanette bowled at the Lakes Bowling Alley, and worked the deli counter at the K-Mart in Round Lake before her retirement in 2001. On Sept. 14, 1946 she married Mitchell Szpicki in Chicago and he preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1992.

Survivors include her daughter Janice (Louis) Levandowski of Antioch; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren She is also preceded in death by her two infant daughters Joyce and Marie.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 28, 2004 at St. Peter Church, in Antioch. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Antioch. Visitation was held on Dec. 27, from 4-9 p.m. at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

Thurmon Mayfield

Age 75 of Athens, Ala., died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2004 at Athens Limestone Hospital. He was born March 3, 1929 in Haleyville, Ala., Mr. Mayfield was a member of the Elkton Road Baptist Church; was a member of the Cowboys for Christ and was a retired assistant chief from the Round Lake Rescue Squad.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbie J. Mayfield of Athens, Ala.; his sons, Curt Mayfield of Bradenton, Fla., Garry Mayfield of Mesa, Ariz.; daughters, Kaye Harris of Dahlonega, Ga., Jeannie Murphy of Athens Ala., and Cindy Brefeld of Round Lake; brothers, Nathan Mayfield of Fenton, Mo., Wayne Mayfield of Jackson, Tenn; sisters, Exel Willis of Mundelein, Ines May of Hot Springs, Ark.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral Service was held Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. at the Spry Funeral Home Chapel, Athens, Ala, with the minister Toney Wales officiating. Visitation was Sunday, Dec. 19 from 6-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment was at the Roselawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Frank Murphy, Ray Harris, Scott Brefeld, Randy Mayfield, Cory Beggs, and Travis Beggs.

Memorials may be made to the Round Lake Rescue Squad, Round Lake, IL 60073.

LeRoy J. Kwak

Age 63, of Round Lake Beach, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 at his home. He was born in Chicago to Joseph J. and Josephine B. (Sutor) Kwak. LeRoy was a Vietnam veteran.

Survivors include, a daughter, Debbie Kwak of Chicago; a son, Roger Kwak of Chicago; a brother and a sister. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Friends greeted the family on Dec. 23 from 9:30 a.m., until the 11 a.m. funeral blessing at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville.

Elsie Munch (nee Weinsenstein)

Age 89, a resident of Fox Lake, Leisure Village for the past 10 years, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 at her home. She and her late husband, Clarence first lived in Chicago, moved to the Fox Lake area in 1950, later moving to Albuquerque, NM, then Burlington, Wis. and once again moving back to Fox Lake. She was born on Dec. 9, 1915 in Germany. Elsie was a beautician for many years in the Chicagoland area and had been a former member of the Lotus PTA.

She is survived by her son, Richard W. (Susan) Munch of Powers Lake, Wis.; her daughter, Elaine C. (Jerry) Janke of Mountain Home, Ark.; her granddaughters, Carol (Jon) Williams of Chapel Hill, NC and Kati Munch, attending college at Columbia University in Chicago; her two great grandsons, Jeffrey and David Williams. She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Clarence Munch on April 6, 1994; her brothers, Otto and Emil and by her sisters, Emma and Lena.

Visitation was held on Dec. 26 from 5-8 p.m. at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). Funeral Service was conducted at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 26 with Pastor Terry Reilly officiating. Interment was private. Memorials will be appreciated for Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington, IL 60010-4196.

William C. Baker

Age 65 of Fox Lake, died Friday, Dec. 24, 2004 at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born in Chicago to William and Elma (Thomas) Baker.

Survivors include his two brothers and two sisters, Doris (the late Thomas) Zaber of Las Vegas, Nev., Elaine (Walter) Bock of Chicago, Franz (Marie) Baker of Round Lake and Thomas Baker of Carpentersville and five nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was on Dec. 28 from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. Prayer Service was held at 2 p.m., Dec. 28 at the funeral home. Interment was at Avon Centre Cemetery in Grayslake.

Henry George Bailitz

Born July 16, 1916, passed away peacefully, Dec. 25, 2004 at Leisure Living Group Home of Coloma, Wis. Henry was a former resident of Lake Villa.

Survivors include his loving wife, Theresa of Coloma, Wis.; devoted son of George (Penny) Bailitz of Twin Lakes, Wis.; daughter, Nancy (David) Runyard of Wautoma, Wis.; granddaughter, Yvonne (Brian) Lauer; grandsons, Mike (Vicki) Runyard, Rob (Susan) Runyard, Jim (Rita) Runyard and Steve (Rose) Bailitz; and 11 great-grandchildren.

As per Henry's request, no service was held.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at Leisure Living at Coloma, Wis., for their love and care they gave from their hearts to our "dear father/grandfather, Henry."

Howard Fred Friedrick

Age 83 of Fox Lake, passed away Friday, Dec. 24, 2004. He was born Jan. 16, 1921 in Chicago, the son of the late Lambert and Daisy (Miner) Friedrick. He moved to Cross Lake, to a cottage the family had owned since 1952, in 1996 and then to Fox Lake. Howard was a former member of the Nebo Lutheran Church and Friendship Club in Chicago and currently a member of the Lutheran Church of All Saints in Fox Lake. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII, retired in 1986 as a driver and salesman for the Union Linen Company and was active in the Senior Center in Antioch. On June 23, 1946, he married Panayula (Tillie/Penny) Romanos in Chicago and she preceded him in death in 1998.

Survivors include two daughters, Sharon (Richard) Jenkins of Cumberland, RI. and Pamela Friedrick of Naples, Fla.; two grandchildren, Sarah and Andy and his companion Nettie Madsen. In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by a sister Laverne Peters.

Funeral Service was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 29 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with visitation from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 28. Interment was in Irving Park Cemetery in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbek, Antioch, IL 60002.

Jack N. Copeland

Age 78 of Libertyville, passed away suddenly, Friday, Dec. 24, 2004 at his home. Jack was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, having served in Germany following WWII. He was a retired vice president of the Rustoleum Corp.

Surviving are his brother, James (Catherine) Copeland of Holgate, Mo.; a sister-in-law, LuAnn Copeland of Delavan, Wis. and his nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Dorothy Copeland and by his brother Clyde W. in 1986.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. on Dec. 27 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. His funeral service was at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 27, during the visitation. An interment service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 28 in the chapel at Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie.

Fred W. Piest

Age 77 of Gurnee, passed away suddenly, Friday, Dec. 24, 2004 at St. Therese Medical Center in Waukegan. Fred was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, having served during WWII.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Piest; three children, Terry (Lin) Piest of Mesa, Ariz., Dr. Lynn Piest (Brian Speck) of Lake Forest and Bill (Lori) Piest of Aurora; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and a sister. He is preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Grace Piest and a sister.

Funeral Service was held at 11 a.m., Dec. 29 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville with the Rev. David Weil of Christ Church in Lake Forest, officiating. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home from 4-8 p.m. on Dec. 28. Memorial contributions can be made to the Paramedic Unit of the Libertyville Fire Dept.

Gunnard H. Johnson Jr.

Age 69 of Vernon Hills, passed away suddenly, Monday, Dec. 20, 2004 at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Charlene Johnson; three children, Laura Frankel of Deerfield, Craig Johnson of Vernon Hills and Bruce (Dee Dee) Johnson of Barrington; eight grandchildren; his mother, Ottilia Johnson; a sister; and a niece.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m. on Dec. 23 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. A Masonic service was held at 7 p.m. Dec. 23. Memorial contributions can be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation in his memory.

Donna Jean O'Dom

Age 50 of Aurora, Ind., died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 at the Hospice of Cincinnati. She was born in Burlington, Wis., the daughter of the late Carl Eckhardt and Dorothy Schlitz Eckhardt.

Surviving are her husband, Walter O'Dom of Aurora, Ind.; step-daughter, Ryan Eversole of Liberty, Ind.; three sisters and one grandchild.

Friends visited with the family from 6-8 p.m., Dec. 28 at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Inc. in Lawrenceburg, Ind. Services were held at Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Inc., Dec. 28 at 8 p.m. with Pastor Charles Hill officiating. Interment followed in Grant Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the family.

Richard H. Cole

Age 95 of Richmond, formerly of Grayslake, died Thursday, Dec. 16, 2004 at Lincoln Park Hospital-Hospice in Chicago. He was born Jan. 2, 1909 in Decatur, the son of L.M. and Emily (Holton) Cole. He was married to Helen M. Peirce on Dec. 11, 1956 in Angola, Ind.

Richard obtained his bachelor degree from Millikin University and his master's degree from the University of Illinois in Champaign. He was a professor of engineering at Millikin University for seven years and at Northwestern University for 25 years. He was an Associate Director of Cooperative Education at the Technological Institute at Northwestern University, retiring in 1974. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII as a Lt. j.g. from September 1944 to December 1945.

He was a member of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors, a former member of Blackhawk Archery Association and Kiwanis and served as commodore of the Decatur Yacht Club.

Survivors are his wife, Helen; three daughters, Anne Cole of DeKalb, Cynthia Cole of Lake Forest and Evelyn (Glenn) Kaht of Spring Grove and seven grandchildren. He is preceded in death by three sisters, Hazel Cole, Evelyn Peters, Mirth Moore and a brother George Cole and a foster sister, Ruth Hyer, and his first wife Austrid Liljegren.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, from 2-4 p.m. in the community room of the SilverTree Senior Housing in Richmond. Prayers will be said at 3 p.m. For information, call 815-675-2151.

June Naponelli

Age 51 of Crystal Lake, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2004 surrounded by her family at her home. She was married to Richard Naponelli for 28 beautiful years.

Survivors include her husband, Rich; and her six children, Sarah (Roman) Gold, Richard Jr., Jena, Michael, Miriam and Tina; her mother, Shirley Kanthack and four siblings. She is preceded in death by her father, Charles Kanthack in 1998.

Visitation was from 4-8 p.m., Dec. 22, at Colonial Funeral Home in McHenry Prayers were said at 10 a.m., Dec. 23 at the funeral home and proceeded for a 10:30 a.m. Mass at The Church of Holy Apostles in McHenry. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the June Naponelli Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship Fund, in care of American Community Bank, P.O. Box 1720, Woodstock, IL 60098.

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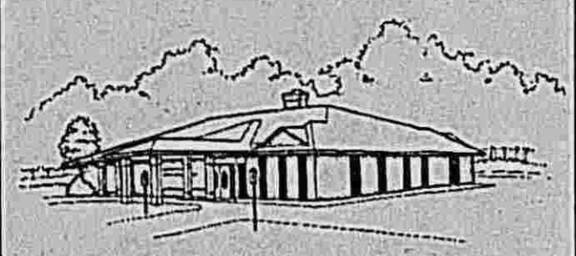
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Forecast	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Rain	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Snow	Partly Cloudy
Record High	58 • 1965	48 • 1950	59 • 1950	60 • 1950	50 • 1993	50 • 1955	46 • 1987
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Sunrise	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.	7:19 A.M.
Sunset	4:29 P.M.	4:30 P.M.	4:31 P.M.	4:32 P.M.	4:33 P.M.	4:34 P.M.	4:35 P.M.
Moonrise	9:24 P.M.	10:28 P.M.	11:33 P.M.	No rise	12:40 A.M.	1:51 A.M.	3:06 A.M.
Moonset	10:35 A.M.	10:56 A.M.	11:15 A.M.	11:35 A.M.	11:56 A.M.	12:20 P.M.	12:51 P.M.

Source: National Weather Service

LOTTERY RESULTS

Source: www.illinoislottery.com

	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 24	Dec. 25	Dec. 26	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
Pick 3 Midday	084	888	677	834	N/A	871	N/A
Pick 3 Nighttime	802	417	022	666	481	885	N/A
Pick 4 Midday	4177	1576	160	0080	N/A	9889	N/A
Pick 4 Nighttime	5495	1479	7569	8454	0070	9945	N/A
Little Lotto	13-20-22-33-39	01-15-17-29-30	10-12-22-26-37	03-14-21-25-30	02-04-26-27-35	04-17-26-30-31	N/A
Lotto	09-11-13-15-32-51	No drawing	No drawing	04-31-32-33-37-42	No drawing	No drawing	No drawing
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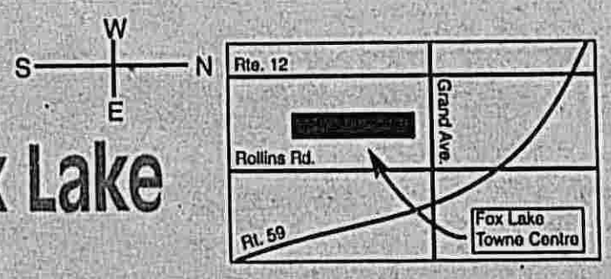
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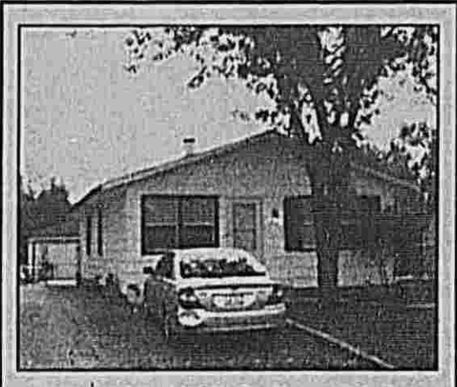
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Home details

Year built: 2001	BR3: 11X10
LR: 13X12	FR: 17X16
MB: 15X13	BR4: 13X13
DR: 13X13	EAS: 17X10
BR2: 11X10	Rooms: 8
KIT: 17X11	Baths: 2.1

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Home details

Year built: 1978	FR: 26X13
LR: 23X12	LDY: 24X12
MB: 15X12	REC: 13X12
BR2: 11X9	Rooms: 8
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Home details

Year built: 1998	FR: 19X15
LR: 13X13	BR4: 14X13
MB: 18X13	DEN: 12X15
DR: 13X13	LDY: 6X7
BR2: 13X12	REC: 24X10
KIT: 18X15	Rooms: 11
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Hard water is defined as water containing a high level of calcium, magnesium, and other minerals. Hard water reduces the cleansing power of soap and produces crusted deposits, known as scales, in hot water lines and appliances. But how does ordinary water get this way?

Water is a solvent that easily picks up impurities. As water moves through soil and rock, it dissolves very small amounts of minerals. Calcium and magnesium dissolved in water are the two most common minerals that make water "hard." The degree of hardness increases as the calcium and magnesium content rises.

Tell-tale signs

Hard water does not pose a health risk, but it is a nuisance that's costly for homeowners to repair. It can cause mineral buildup in plumbing and appliances, which in turn can cause scaling in pipes and appliances that interferes with the cleaning power of soaps and detergents. In addition, buildup can block pipes, preventing water from flowing through them smoothly.

Since water is used for many tasks, hard water interferes with almost every daily activity, from laundering and dishwashing to bathing and personal grooming. Clothes washed in hard water may appear dingy and discolored and feel harsh and scratchy. Dishes and glasses may be spotted when dry. Hard water may create a film on glass shower doors, shower walls, bathtubs, sinks, faucets, etc. Hair washed in hard water may feel sticky and look dull and flat.

Treating the problem

It's up to you whether you want to soften your water or not. Hard water does not affect health, but you may consider softening water to avoid damage to plumbing and appliances.

There are two ways to help control water hardness: Add a powdered or liquid softener to a batch of water (washing machine or tub depending upon use), or use an ion exchange water-softening unit on your water system.

Powdered or liquid water softeners contain chemicals that help control water hardness. They fall into two categories: precipitating and non-precipitating.

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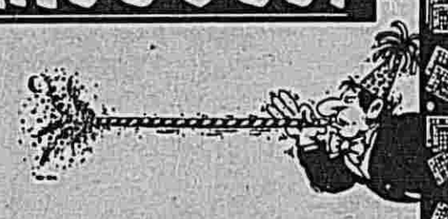
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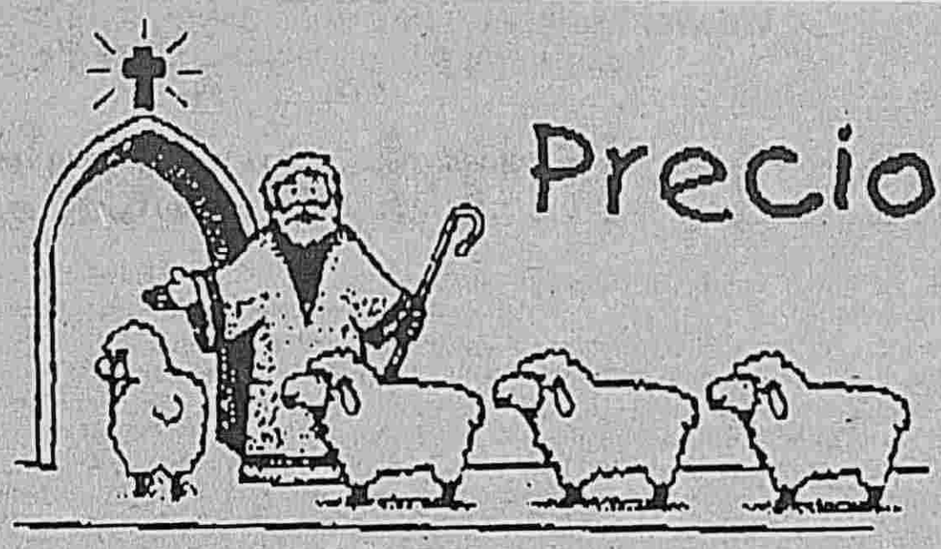
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The facility, designed by the architectural firm of Behles and Behles, encompasses 5,000 square feet of personal banking space and a full service mortgage lending center. The branch includes three drive-through lanes and one drive-through ATM lane.

In conjunction with the Lindenhurst opening, the Bank is offering special, inaugural VIC (Very Important Customer) products, including a high yield 13-month certificate of deposit, free checking and North Shore Trust's innovative FlatFee mortgage program, which saves consumers hundreds of dollars on closing costs for refinancing and new mortgages. As an added incentive, anyone who visits the Lindenhurst branch between Dec. 27 and Feb. 28, 2005 can register for a chance to win thousands of dollars by entering North Shore Trust's Great Money Grab contest. The contest is open to all individuals who visit the branch, regardless of customer affillation. Visit www.northshoretrust.com for details.

Team Lake County

Mark your calendars now for the next Team Lake County meeting, which will be on Feb. 24. This event had previously been tentatively scheduled for Jan. 20.

The topic will be "Regional Marketing." The program format is designed to allow it to establish goals and a plan of action for working together to market Lake County to potential retail, pharmaceutical/medical products/biotech, and professional office/headquarters operations.

The event will be at the Genesee Theater in Waukegan. And run from 3-5 p.m., followed by networking from 5-6 p.m. Tours of the theater will be available.

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With the combination of this book and its growing Web site (www.OnlineNetiquette.com), everyone now has access to this important information so they may thrive online! Remember... online ignorance is not bliss and perception is the only reality!

New business class

A new business class at College of Lake County called "Smart Manager's Toolkit" will help students learn about effective decision making, negotiating, dealing with ethical dilemmas and taking advantage of international and electronic marketing.

This unique evening course uses best-selling business fiction, case studies from today's business pages and live negotiation sessions to provide students with a new set of management skills that will increase their effectiveness and help them get ahead in business. The class will meet Tuesdays from 7-9:45 p.m. in the new Technology Building, beginning Jan. 18, 2005. "Smart Manager's Toolkit" is suitable for people who are new to management and to experienced business people who want to update their skills and become more effective at work.

Registration is now underway for spring 2005 classes at CLC. For more information about business courses, as well as CLC's certificate and degree programs in business, contact the Business Division office at 847-543-2041 or contact Litsa Press, program coordinator at 847-543-2921 or litsapress@clcillinois.edu.

Cardinal's cuts won't be deep

But thousands of its workers here don't yet know their fate

By Kyle Schmitt
Staff Reporter

Planned restructuring at Cardinal Health Inc. will not significantly affect workers employed by Medical Products and Services Group, a company spokesman said Monday.

Earlier this month, Cardinal announced details of a three-year plan that is expected to improve annual operating earnings by $500 million, and cut jobs for 4,200 of its 58,000 workers. The products and services group, which is headquartered on Waukegan Road in unincorporated Waukegan's McGaw Park, employs between 2,000 and 3,000 of its approximately 26,000 total workers in Lake County, including roughly 300 at an Amhurst Lake Business Park distribution center.

The company believes it's too early to tell what groups and services may suffer the most reductions, but spokesman Geoffrey Fenton said that any job cuts in Lake County will be "fairly minimal."

"There aren't any large-scale reductions planned for the McGaw campus," he said. Medical Products and Services Group accounted for $7.3 billion of the company's overall $65 billion revenue intake for the Fiscal Year 2004.

Cardinal Health spokesperson Jim Mazzola said that the company needs to restructure in order to better integrate its services, and would consider combining some of them under the same roof or realigning them organizationally.

> **'There aren't any large-scale reductions planned for the McGaw campus.'**
>
> **Geoffrey Fenton**
> *Cardinal Health spokesman*

Acquiring several smaller groups has left Cardinal trying to prevent "57 sales forces all calling on the same customers," Fenton said. "We're going to become more coordinated in the way we handle customers, so that will lead to consolidation for some of these businesses."

Reviews of all open positions led to a hiring freeze for some Cardinal positions, while other job openings have been filled immediately due to necessity. The company has already announced that 1,000 of the positions will be sourced to independent manufacturers in southeast Asia from Penang, Malaysia, where exam gloves have been made.

When the restructuring is complete, Cardinal will be able to better perform certain pricing and inventory activities along the distribution platform, Fenton said. Earnings per share for the first half of fiscal 2005 will likely decline approximately 15 percent, excluding special items and non-recurring charges.

The company recently announced that its board of directors has authorized the repurchase of up to $500 million of its common shares, funded from normal cash flow and beginning in the third quarter of fiscal 2005, as management deems appropriate. A much stronger second half is expected, though the earnings will likely not reach Cardinal's previously stated goal of at least 10 percent earnings-per-share growth for the fiscal year.

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Komatsu sets sights on government contracts

Komatsu America Corporation has been awarded three contracts for the supply of excavators, bulldozers and skid steers to be used by the U.S. government. The U.S. government has purchased 16D155AX-five dozers, 32 PC300LC-7 excavators and 10 SK815-5 skid steers that will be manufactured in the United States and Japan.

According to Jenkins Davis, director, sales and market development-North America, Komatsu America Corporation, the company is mobilizing resources throughout the United States to better serve the equipment, parts and service needs of government agencies.

A global company with sales and service locations throughout the world, Komatsu America Corporation and Komatsu Ltd. are positioned to support U.S. equipment fleets wherever they work.

Komatsu America Corp. is the second-largest manufacturer and supplier of construction, mining and utility equipment and parts and services in North America.

County Women's Connection hosts luncheon

The Central Lake County Women's Connection will return to the Country Squire Restaurant to host a luncheon on Wednesday, Jan. 12, entitled "Celebrating New Beginnings." Our special feature this month is "Sacks 5th Avenue." Each guest will receive three raffle tickets for bidding on gift-filled sacks from our committee. Concert vocalist, Sheila Baker-Bondurant of Gurnee, will provide music. Barbara Hoffner of Madison, Wis., will present "Walking this Marathon of Life," assuring us that God is with us every step of the way.

CLCWC hosts a luncheon on the second Wednesday of each month. The luncheon is held at the Country Squire Restaurant on Route 120 and Route 45 in Grayslake from 12:30-2 p.m. The cost is $15, and reservations are required by Jan. 10. Complimentary, on-site childcare is also provided. For reservations or information, contact Sue, 847-816-4536 or Alice 847-918-1518, or e-mail: darcyannc@paxway.com.

Marling to represent Office Center of Gurnee in leasing office suites

Marling Management, Inc. has signed an agreement to represent the Office Center of Gurnee in leasing office suites at 5465 Grand Ave. for individuals or businesses that may need from one to five offices. Both businesses are located in Gurnee.

Mike Marling of the company, and Shirley Friedlander of the Office Center, said this kind of representation in the commercial real estate industry is unusual as real estate firms are not known to represent an office suites complex business of this type.

When a person takes an office suite, the individual or company also receives front desk reception, telephone answering and high speed T1 line, use of office equipment, conference rooms, beverage service and secretarial service when needed plus other amenities. A corporate identity program also is provided for people who work from home or do not need a full time office.

The Office Center has 21 offices. Some tenants have been there for many years while others will outgrow the space, close their business, be transferred or change jobs. While most leases are short term to offer flexibility for the client, some tenants have leased for several years.

Among the tenants in the past few years are four law firms, several sales representatives, three financial planners, a laser clinic, two health care firms, two public relations operations, two mortgage companies and high tech businesses, plus a weight loss company.

Friedlander said she is aware of only five services such as her Office Center in the entire North Shore. They are not common. Marling Management, Inc. has been in business for more than three decades representing office, commercial and industrial clients throughout Lake County.

People interested in learning more about the business of office suites or how these can help you may contact the Office Center at 847-855-4500 or the Marling Management Inc. at 8478-249-8322.

NEWBUSINESSES

Assumed business names

Supreme Home Repair and Improvement, 34611 N. Sequoia Dr., McHenry, 815-759-6906. Owner: **Chris Nutt**. Purpose: Carpentry/Remodeling.

Leicht Automotive Imports, 26474 N. Highway 59, Wauconda, 847-526-9113. Owner: **Timothy Leicht**. Purpose: Import Auto Repair

Lake Heat Treat, 179 Ida, Antioch, 847-344-9034. Owner: **Richard C. Reynolds**. Purpose: Commercial Heat Treating.

Vans Electric, 26035 W. IL Route 60, Grayslake; 847-546-1086. Owner: **Jerry VanDyke**. Purpose: Commercial and Residential Electrical Install.

For Keeps, 302 Blossom, Apt. 102, Lakemoor; 815-363-0346. Owner: **Colleen A. Lennon**. Purpose: Handmade Jewelry-Wholesale Distributor

Nemo's Pub, 25196 Route 173, Antioch; 847-445-5902; 25681 Arcade Dr. South, Lake Villa. Owner: **George Nejmanowski**. Purpose: Tavern.

Blurtech, 216 Waterbury Circle, Lake Villa, 847-833-2546. Owner: **John. W., Laurel B. Osmond**. Purpose: IT/Computer support and consulting.

North Suburban Cleaning Service, 650 Whitney Ct., #107, Gurnee, 847-212-9389. Owner: **Azama & Aldarov**. Purpose: Cleaning service

D and L Carpet Cleaning, 685 Brittany Square, Apt. 4, Grayslake; 847-770-7248. Owner: **Fernando D. Meza**. Purpose: Carpet cleaning.

Paris Nail Spa, 3070 W. Route 60, Suite AB, Mundelein. Owner: **Bachile Huynh**. Purpose: Nail Salon

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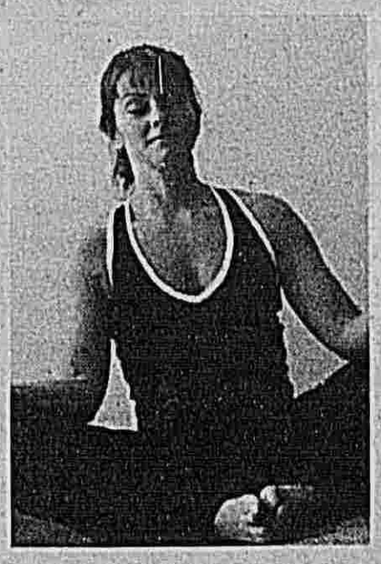
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 Monday, January 10 • 7 p.m.
 at the Vista Surgery
 and Treatment Center
- **Keeping Those New Year's Resolutions**
 Can you live with your resolutions? Learn how to make new healthy habits stick.
 Wednesday, January 12 • 7 p.m.
 at Saint Therese Medical Center
- **Sleep and Your Good Health**
 Presented by Dr. Anil Khurana, independent, board-certified pulmonologist and sleep medicine specialist. Learn about debilitating sleep disorders, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment options.
 Monday, January 24 • 7 p.m.
 at the Vista Surgery
 and Treatment Center
- **Weight Loss Surgery - Is It For You?**
 Presented by Dr. Laurence Gibson, independent board-certified surgeon. Learn about weight loss surgery, who it is best suited for and the steps involved.
 Tuesday, January 25 • 7 p.m.
 at Victory Memorial Hospital
- **Coping With Family Change**
 Recovering from a divorce? This seminar provides a parent's guide for helping children cope with major family change.
 Wednesday, January 26 • 7 p.m.
 at Saint Therese Medical Center
- **Basic Exercise and Good Diet**
 Get the new year off to a good start. Learn how basic exercise and a good diet can improve your health.
 Monday, January 31 • 6:30 p.m.
 at the Vista Surgery
 and Treatment Center
- **Look Good...Feel Better®**
 This free program teaches beauty techniques to women cancer patients in active treatment to help them combat the appearance-related side effects of cancer treatment.
 Monday, January 31 • 4-6 p.m.
 at Victory Memorial Hospital

EXERCISE CLASSES

All classes are held at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center. Call **847-356-4750** *for more information or to register. Minimum of 7/maximum of 15 people allowed on a first come, first served basis. A spot in a class can only be held by cash, check or credit card.* ***Register by Wednesday, January 5. Space is limited.***



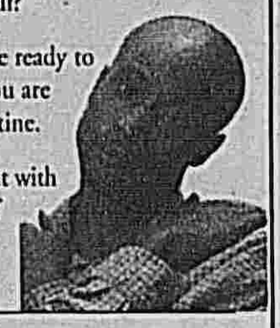
- **Yoga**
 A class for all levels. Based on an ancient yoga practice, flexibility and breathing exercises to improve and strengthen the whole body, mind and spirit.
 Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Begins Monday, January 10.
 Cost: $68 for 8-week session.
- **Aerobics**
 Low impact strength training and cardiovascular exercise set to fun energetic music
 Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
 Begins Tuesday, January 11 or Thursday, January 13.
 Cost: $56 for 8-week session.
- **Qi Gong**
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Monday, January 10 • 7-11 a.m. by appointment at Victory Memorial Hospital

Tuesday, January 11 • 7-11 a.m. by appointment at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center

Wednesday, January 12 • 8-11 a.m. by appointment at Saint Therese Medical Center

Thursday, January 13 • 8-11 a.m. by appointment at the Vista Imaging Center

Saturday, January 15 • 8-10 a.m. by appointment at the Vista Surgery and Treatment Center

CHILDBIRTH CLASSES

Call **847-360-4297, ext. 5218,** *for information or to register for any of the classes listed below. Call 847-360-4297, ext. 5316 for information on Spanish classes. To assure a place in class, register during your first trimester.*

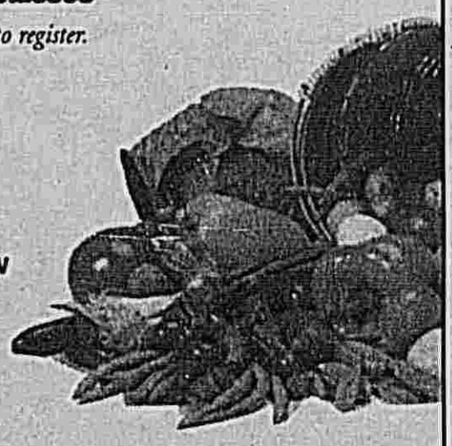


- **Prepared Childbirth**
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- **FREE! Baby Care Basics**
 Information about caring for your new baby--bathing, behavior, feeding, safety. Call for dates and times.
- **FREE! Sibling Class**
 Helps children ages 3 to 10 understand how special it is to become an older brother or sister. Call for dates and times.
- **FREE! Breastfeeding Basics**
 Information on methods and techniques available for feeding newborns. Call for dates and times.

FREE! Diabetes Education Classes

Call **847-360-4148** *for information or to register.*

- **Basic Diabetes Information**
 Thursday, January 6 • 6:30 p.m.
 at Victory Memorial Hospital
 Register by January 4.
- **Diabetes Diet Principles, Simplified Meal Planning, Low Blood Sugar Treatment and Blood Glucose Monitoring**
 Tuesday, January 18 • 1:30 p.m.
 at Victory Memorial Hospital
 Register by January 16.



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Vista Imaging Center
A Department of Victory Memorial Hospital
95 North Greenleaf Street, Suite B
Gurnee
(on the northeast corner of Greenleaf and Washington Streets)

For more information, call 1-800-843-2464 or visit our web site at www.vistahealth.com.

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Recycle Christmas trees

Don't let your Christmas tree go to the dump this year—recycle it instead. Drop off your bare tree (with all the decorations removed) at one of six Lake County Forest Preserves from Dec. 26 to Feb. 1, 2005. Your recycled Christmas tree will be converted to woodchips for use on trails and for landscaping at Forest Preserves throughout Lake County.

Designated Christmas tree drop-off sites are located within the following Forest Preserves: Ryerson Conservation Area near Deerfield, Greenbelt near Waukegan and North Chicago, Half Day near Vernon Hills, Lakewood near Wauconda, Old School near Libertyville, and Van Patten Woods near Wadsworth. Drop-off sites will be marked within each of these Forest Preserve locations. Watch for directional signs to drop-off point. Only Christmas trees can be accepted, no yard waste. Commercial drop-offs are prohibited.

Christmas trees can be dropped off from 6:30 a.m. to sunset. For more information on Christmas tree drop-off sites, call 847-367-6640 or online at www.LCFPD.org.

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Inmate program

Sheriff Gary Del Re announced the close of another successful season with the Sheriff's Inmate Work Program. The program, established by Del Re, was developed to give non-violent, county sentenced inmates an opportunity to give back to the community. Many are also able to fulfill court ordered community service hours. During the 2004 season, inmates supervised by Corrections Officers, cleaned more than 177 miles of State and County roadways collecting more than 6,000 pounds of trash. Additionally, inmates performed a total of 42 hours at various sites of the Des Plaines River flooding by filling and unloading sandbags. The Sheriff's Inmate Work Program reported no injuries or incidents of any type while performing their various duties.

Power Breakfast

The Lake County Power Breakfast kicks off the new year with one of its most popular programs: the annual Mayors' Report. Moderator Hal Coxon welcomes mayors Donald Rudny of Gurnee, Dick Hyde of Waukegan and Bette Thomas of North Chicago on Jan. 5, 2005 at Midlane Golf Resort in Wadsworth.

Mayor Hyde will have to make good on his bet with Mayor Rudny regarding the casino issue. They'll also talk about the upcoming mayoral races: all three mayors have indicated they will run for re-election next spring. It is a opportunity to talk to the mayors personally and find out what they have planned in 2005.

For reservations, contact Midlane Golf Resort at 847-360-0550.

Council for Seniors

The Lake County Council for Seniors is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping seniors by providing an information and referral service as well as advocating changes to influence decision-makers for the benefit of Lake County seniors.

A general meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 6 from 9:30-11 a.m. at the State Bank of the Lakes (opposite the Post Office), Grayslake.

"Overcoming disorganization from the inside out" will be the title that Deborah Patterson, a CLC instructor will speak on.

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Ten KILLER Facts About Drunk Driving



1. Of the 41,967 traffic fatalities in 1997, 39% were alcohol-related.
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7. In 1996, 21% of the 2,761 traffic fatalities among children aged 0-14 years involved alcohol. Of the child passenger deaths that involve a driver with a blood alcohol level greater than 0.10, 60% of the time it is the driver of the child's car who is impaired.
8. Drivers aged 21-34 years who have been arrested for driving while impaired are over four times as likely to eventually die in a crash involving alcohol than those who have not been arrested for driving while intoxicated.
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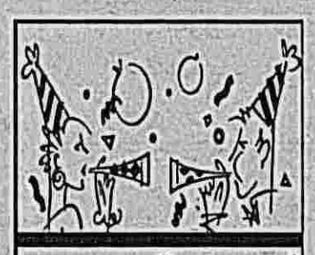
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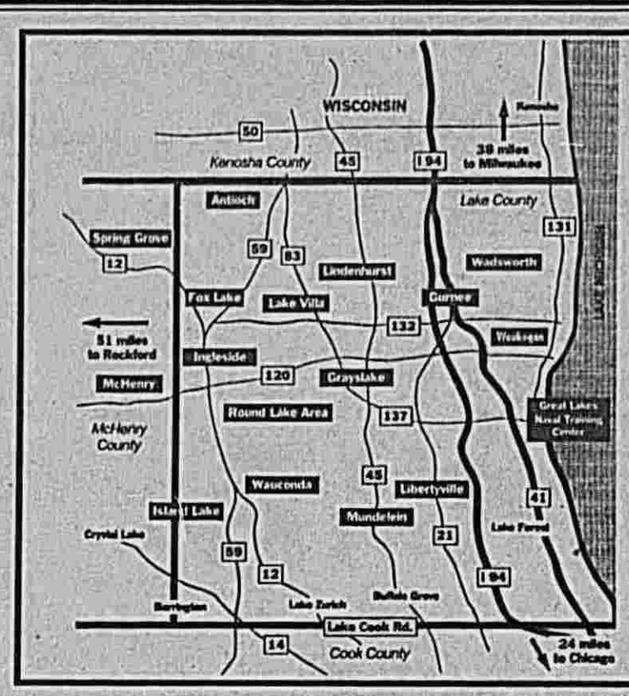
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



TK LAFLEUR
WARREN

Warren senior TK LaFleur showcased her skills at the Blue Devil Classic. She had 14 points in a hard-fought win over Carmel then came back the next day with 15 points in an overtime win over Lake Forest.



HAWK HAIDUKE
WAUCONDA

Wauconda senior Hawk Haiduke was on fire at the Jacobs Holiday Tournament, leading his team to a pair of wins, including a 28-point effort in a double-overtime victory over St. Charles North.

GAME OF THE WEEK

at

BOYS' BASKETBALL

In a non-conference matchup between two of the area's more explosive teams, Grayslake will travel to Libertyville on Tuesday. The Rams are led by leading scorer Brian Centella, while Anthony Jennings looks to lead the Cats.

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Lakeland Newspapers Sports Editor Rob Backus's rankings of area high school teams

BASKETBALL BOYS

1. Warren
2. Waukegan
3. Zion-Benton
4. Stevenson
5. Johnsburg
6. Lake Zurich
7. Lake Forest
8. North Chicago
9. Grayslake
10. Wauconda
11. Libertyville
12. Grant
13. Antioch
14. Vernon Hills
15. Round Lake
16. Mundelein
17. Carmel

BASKETBALL GIRLS

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Pooling their talent

Grayslake group hopes to raise swimming interest

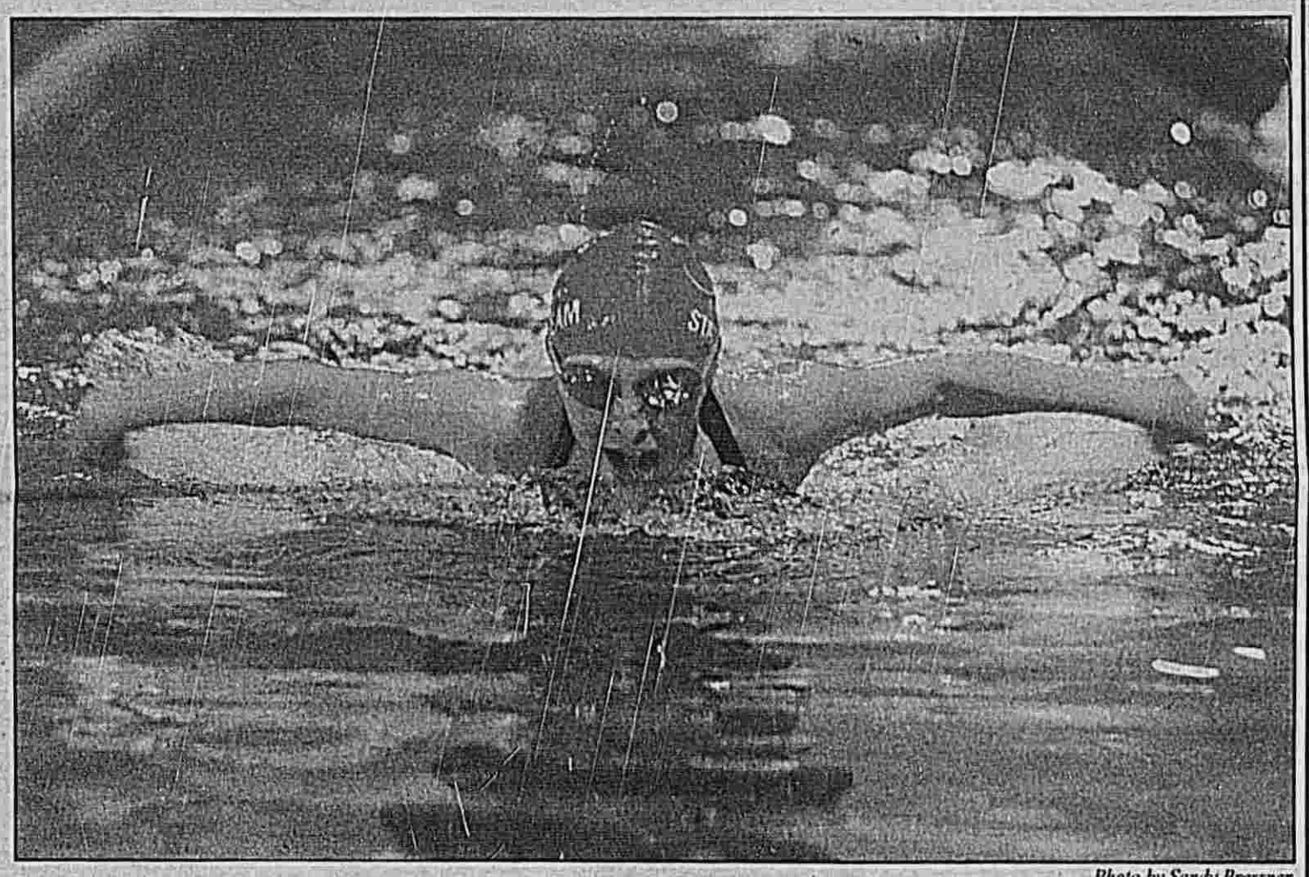


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Eleven-year-old Michelle Garland of Grayslake practices her butterfly during a practice with the Hastings Lake YMCA Stingrays swim team in Lindenhurst. Garland currently holds six state records in the 9-10-year-old age group and will be competing in the Mid-States Swim Meet in Indianapolis Jan. 8-9.

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

At 11 years old, Michelle Garland already has quite an accomplished resume as a competitive swimmer.

She has broken six Illinois state records, has six national recordable times, has been ranked fourth in the nation for the 500-yard freestyle and notched one of the 100 fastest times ever recorded in the 200-meter Individual Medley for a swimmer in the 9- and 10-year-old girls category.

With such an impressive list of accomplishments at such a young age, you would think the sky is the limit, that it would just be a matter of time before Garland was shattering records at the high school level.

But it may be hard to achieve those prep goals, due to the fact that the Grayslake resident may not have a pool to swim in, or a team to swim for, when she gets to Grayslake High School.

Because there has been a perceived "lack of interest" in competitive swimming at Grayslake, it has never been a varsity sport and no pool has ever been deemed necessary.

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>
> Nancy Garland
> *mother of Hastings Lake swimmer Michelle Garland*

But that perception is beginning to change, thanks in large part to Michelle's parents, Nancy and Bruce.

The husband-and-wife team run a swim club based at the Hastings Lake YMCA in Lake Villa, called the Stingrays, of which Bruce is the coach.

The Stingrays program was started three years ago and Nancy said the interest keeps growing.

"There's a force coming, a wave," she said. "Kids are going to the state championship and winning. All I want is for kids to have the opportunity to do something that they're good at and enjoy the camaraderie and the fun and excitement that comes with the sport."

Nancy said the team currently consists of about 110 kids who range from kindergarten to high school age. Many of the swimmers are from Grayslake, with others coming from Antioch and the surrounding area.

But space at the Hastings Lake YMCA is limited, as the Stingrays have to share the pool with swim lessons and are usually restricted to two or three lanes for practice.

For these reasons, Nancy and Bruce, along with other parents, have been pushing for the construction of an indoor pool in Grayslake that would allow for a high school varsity swimming program to finally become a reality.

"Really, you need to be part of a high school team once you get to that level because there are very few top swimmers in the state that can maintain that level without being able to practice as much as high school teams can," Bruce said.

Nancy added that the pool could also be made available to the Stingrays swim club.

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ON THE SIDELINES



Rob Backus • Sports Editor

A cut above the rest

Any sports writer can look back at some of their old columns or stories and see some predictions gone awry. I know I can.

Perhaps my two favorites came earlier this year, when I predicted that not only would Carmel repeat as state champs in football, but that Libertyville would only win eight or nine games all season. And unless you were living under a rock in November, you know how wrong I was.

But there's a flip side to that coin. A writer will look back with pride on being right. So it brought a smile to my face when I wrote last week that Warren's girls hoops team was the best in the county, and that the Devils would face their toughest test from Carmel.

And, sure enough, that's what happened. In a defensive struggle, Warren prevailed over the Corsairs last Wednesday, keeping its perfect season intact. I try not to go out on a limb too often, as I did in October when I predicted that a Lake County girls volleyball team would win a state title within four years. Fortunately, by the time I may be proven wrong for that, all of you will have long forgotten.

Now any prediction involving Warren's boys hoops team can't be considered farfetched unless I forecasted the team losing 10 straight games. But I do have a somewhat unexpected prognostication involving the Blue Devils. However, by the time Warren finishes the Pontiac Holiday Tournament on Wednesday I may already be wrong. Keep in mind, I'm writing this column Monday evening.

But that won't stop me from saying this—I think Warren may go through the regular season undefeated. Already I can see Warren coach Chuck Ramsey cringing and the rest of Lake County

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POOLING

There are several swimmers on the Hastings Lake team who have shown promise at a young age, including the 8-and-under boys team and the 9- and 10-year old girls team, both of which won state championship titles in DeKalb last March.

Many of the Stingrays also qualified for the upcoming Mid States meet in Indianapolis Jan. 8-9, which invites only swimmers with times that are among the top-four in their respective state.

With such potential, Nancy said it would be a shame for these young athletes to miss out on competing at the varsity level in high school.

In order to correct the problem, she presented her case to the Grayslake school board in an effort to spark an interest in building a pool and creating a team.

She said she was told by both the board and the Grayslake High School Athletic Director David Perkins that they needed to gauge the interest the community had in constructing the new facility.

In order to quantify that interest, Nancy said parents of the Hastings Lake team had begun to going door-to-door throughout Grayslake gathering signatures for a petition in favor of a new pool.

"We've been going to different neighborhoods and getting (the petitions) filled out," she said. "We have several hundred names that would like to see a pool for the high school and we're going to present that at the next school board meeting (Jan. 13). We have a very strong parent board and everyone pitches in and does whatever it takes to support the team."

If Grayslake were to get a pool, Nancy said, the team would most likely "co-op" with swimmers from Antioch High School, Lakes High School and Carmel High School, schools which also lack swimming facilities.

Under a co-op, a varsity team can combine swimmers from different high schools in order to fill all the roster spots for freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams.

"The thing about the co-op is, if there are additional resources, you can join up with other schools that don't have pools and work together and use the facilities," Bruce said. "When you build a pool at a high school, it usually will take awhile before you get a total compliment of swimmers."

Although it seems that sparking interest in the sport has not been much of a problem for the Hastings Lake team that consists largely of Grayslake residents.

Bruce said the team has grown from 45 kids in its first year, to 110 current swimmers.

Nancy said she would like to see the pool built and a Grayslake co-op team created within the next two years in order to give the many talented Stingrays a chance to compete at a higher level.

"I think it is in the best interest of the students to co-op so they could get in there and start being competitive," she said. "There is a very limited supply of indoor pool space and if Grayslake were to build an indoor pool, the community could use it, there could be swimming lessons and a team. It could be self-supporting and there is a definite interest."



Photo by Sandy Bressner

Hastings Lake YMCA Stingray swimmers from Grayslake hope to build their own pool closer to home. The team practices at the YMCA facility in Lindenhurst.

SIDELINES

clipping this column out and hanging it on the bulletin board. But, as my favorite writer "Anonymous" once said, "Nothing ventured, nothing gained."

Warren has already proven that it's the best team in Lake County to this point, with wins over Waukegan and Palatine. In a worst-case scenario, how many losses will they have? Four? Five?

The have arguably the best starting five in the area. Before all you Waukegan fans start screaming, keep in mind that I'm not only talking about scoring. Sure, Emanuel Gaiter, Laron Frazier and Co. can put up points with the best of them, but can they play defense? They haven't yet, and Warren's lineup of Marcus Lewis, Mitchell Moore, Marvin Bembry, Ceola Clark and Jordan Dalton is one of the best defensive lineups in the state.

Not only do they have an excellent starting lineup, but their first five off the bench can probably hang with most of the teams in the area. Shannon Adams, Logan Derrick and Jon Heneghan aren't exactly pushovers.

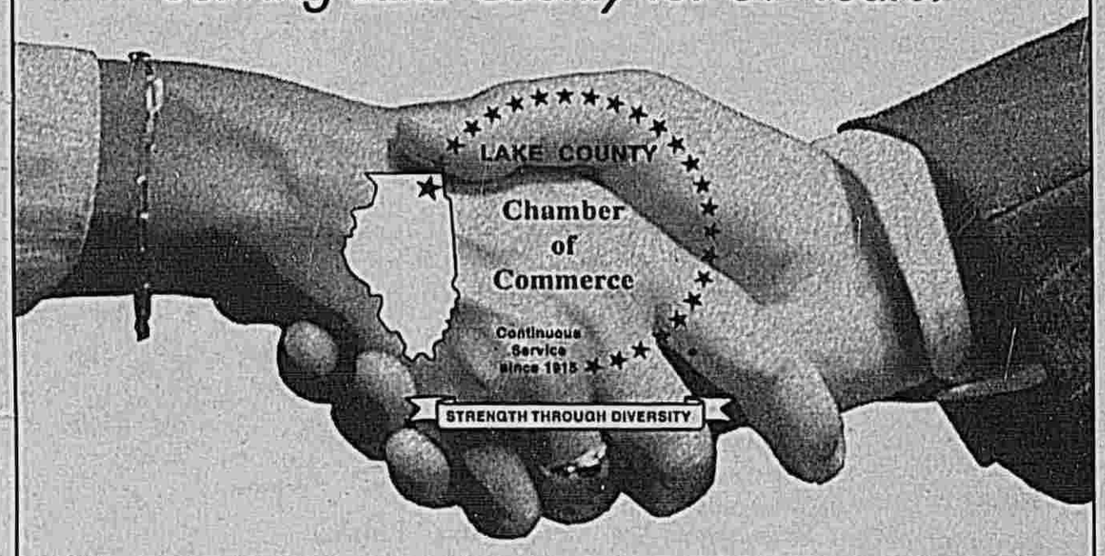
The team can also score, as evidenced by the fact that of their nine wins, eight of them are by double digits. So let's see. Offense, check. Depth, check. Defense, double check. Starting to get the picture?

If, and this is a big if, Warren manages to make it back from Pontiac unblemished, the Devils will probably walk through the North Suburban Conference portion of their schedule, leaving a Feb. 12 home match up against Hoffman Estates as the team's best chance for a loss. After that the team may not lose again until March.

Now, I'm not saying Warren is the best team in the world. It's not like they're the Lakers with Shaq and Kobe and the rest of Lake County is the Eastern Conference. But I am saying that they're the best team in the county and that they may make it through the regular season unbeaten.

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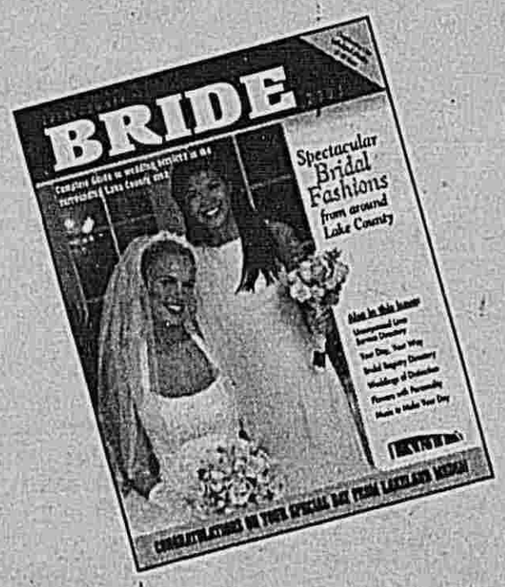
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ANTIOCH

Sequoits 2-3 at McHenry



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Antioch Community High School's Salina Spiller looks to pass to a teammate in a game against Warren earlier this month.

By Steve Peterson

Sports Reporter

Low scoring, defensive-oriented basketball games are just the liking of Antioch High's girls basketball team.

The team was able to demonstrate its talent on offense in a win over Prairie Ridge, but went the defensive route in a win over Crystal Lake Central for a 2-3 record at the McHenry Invitational.

"We got everyone to play, which was good. We'll always have a weakness of going to the boards, but we did it better today, and not just by our big people, but our wins and guards as well," said ACHS coach Don Zeman.

Junior center Jessica McWilliams scored seven points in the win as did Loren Scarbrough. Junior guard Holly Roberts had five, including a first quarter trey. ACHS was 9 for 20 at the free-throw line.

Zeman said gaining the early lead was the key. Antioch led 23-13 at halftime, then withstood a Tigers second half rally.

"We really don't have a consistent high scorer. Roberts leads us with eight points per game. We're making good progress, but we will be put to the test when we get back into the NSC Lake," Zeman said.

Four players scored in double figures as Antioch beat Prairie Ridge 55-41. A 16-5 run in the third quarter boosted the Sequoits. Gina Florian had the hot hand, with 8 of her 10 points in that stanza. Junior forward Angie Axton had 10 points, Scarbrough 14 and Roberts 14. ACHS was strong at the free-throw line, going 11 of 13.

Antioch will next host Grant in an NSC crossover matchup Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Antioch closed out the Glenbard West Tournament with a 78-71 loss to Nazareth on Monday. The loss dropped the Sequoits' tournament record to 0-4 and their overall record to 2-11.

The Sequoits fell behind 41-25 at the half and 57-39 going into the fourth quarter but staged a furious rally to cut the lead to 69-64 with 1:30 left in the contest. Sean Hertz had 18 of his game-high 22 points in that final quarter, but it was too little, too late.

"We played poorly in the first half and dug ourselves a huge hole," Antioch coach Tom Duffy said. "Nazareth ran their offense well and we couldn't defend it. By the time we decided to play it was too late."

Chuck Kempf had 19 points and Chandler Kent added 18 in the loss.

Antioch was also victim of a 14-0 second quarter run by Wheaton St. Francis in the team's previous game. They went on to lose 62-56.

"We just didn't get it done on defense," Duffy said.

Hertz once again led Antioch with 21 points, while Kent and Kempf each added 12.

"We just have to start doing more right than wrong," said Duffy, whose team has now lost five straight contests. "We're making way too many mistakes. It's a lot of little things, like making the right pass or playing defense on every possession."

Still, Duffy is encouraged by the fact that in the team's five consecutive defeats, they have all been by single digits and they've actually held a lead in four of those five.

"We just need to play 32 minutes of solid basketball," Duffy said. "We've never played four good quarters in a row."

The Sequoits will look to end that losing streak when they host Grant in an NSC crossover Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.

CARMEL

Corsairs bounce back

By Rob Backus

Sports Editor

Less than 24 hours after a heartbreaking two-point defeat at the hands of unbeaten Warren, Carmel had to come back and face a hungry Grayslake squad in the finale of the Blue Devil Classic.

Fortunately, the Corsairs overcame a slow start to win going away, defeating the Rams 62-32 and securing a tie for second place in the Classic with Lake Forest, as both teams finished 4-1.

"It's always tough to come back after a tough loss," Carmel coach John Ryan said. "We were a little tentative early, but the girls were ready to play."

While Carmel came out a little sluggish, the same can't be said for Jill Scudder, who scored 7 of her 9 points in the first quarter to pace her team early.

"We were pretty upset about yesterday," Scudder said. "But we tried not to let it get to us. We got off to a rough start, so we kept trying to pump each other up."

With the Corsairs up just 11-8 with 2:31 left in the opening quarter, Scudder got her team pumped up with a rebound and putback. That began a 14-3 run, which stretched into the second quarter.

Key in that run was several Grayslake turnovers, the byproduct of a strong Carmel pressure defense, which held an explosive Warren offense to just 37 points the night before..

"We talked about the press going in," Ryan said. "We wanted to come out the same against Grayslake as we did against Warren. It's about us, not the opponent."

Jenny Eckhart took over in the second quarter, scoring 7 of her game-high 16 points, as Carmel stretched its lead to 37-15 at halftime.

"Slow starts have been the way for us for a while," said Eckhart, who was selected to the All-Tournament team after the win. "But we didn't have a letdown and we kept our energy up."

The Corsairs received another energy boost in the second half as the second unit came in and held their own against the Grayslake starters, even building the lead to 31 points at one point in the fourth quarter.

Bench players Bridget Ronayne (8 points), Mary Sponseller (5 points), Krista Sheehy (5 points), Heather Ryan (4 points) and Kelly Gleason (3 points) all got into the act as Carmel scored 25 points off the bench.

"The kids on our bench can play," Ryan said. "They did a good job and built the lead."

Ryan knew his team was poised for a letdown following the tough loss the previous night and he did his best to make sure that wouldn't happen.

"We have a saying, 'Remember Libertyville,'" Ryan said. "We didn't bring it that night and we got beat. We have to come ready to play every night."

Teresa Ogrinc was the other All-Tournament selection for Carmel, scoring 8 points in the win, which improved the Corsairs' record to 12-3.

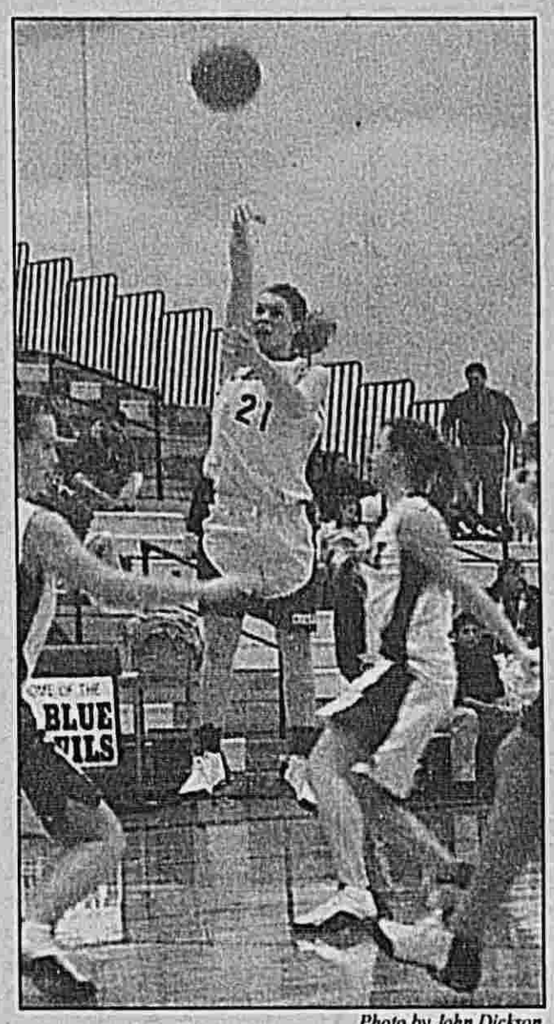


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Carmel senior Jenny Eckhart shoots from downtown while her team plays against Grayslake Community High School during the Girls' Varsity Holiday Basketball Blue Devil Classic tournament.

"I thought we had a pretty good tournament," Ryan said. "We came out 4-1 and still not playing our best basketball."

Carmel's next game will beat at home against Rich South Jan. 8.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Carmel fell to 0-3 in the Wheeling Invite and 0-11 overall with a 60-36 loss to Niles North on Monday. Sean McGrath led the Corsairs with 9 points, with Matt Howeth adding 6 points.

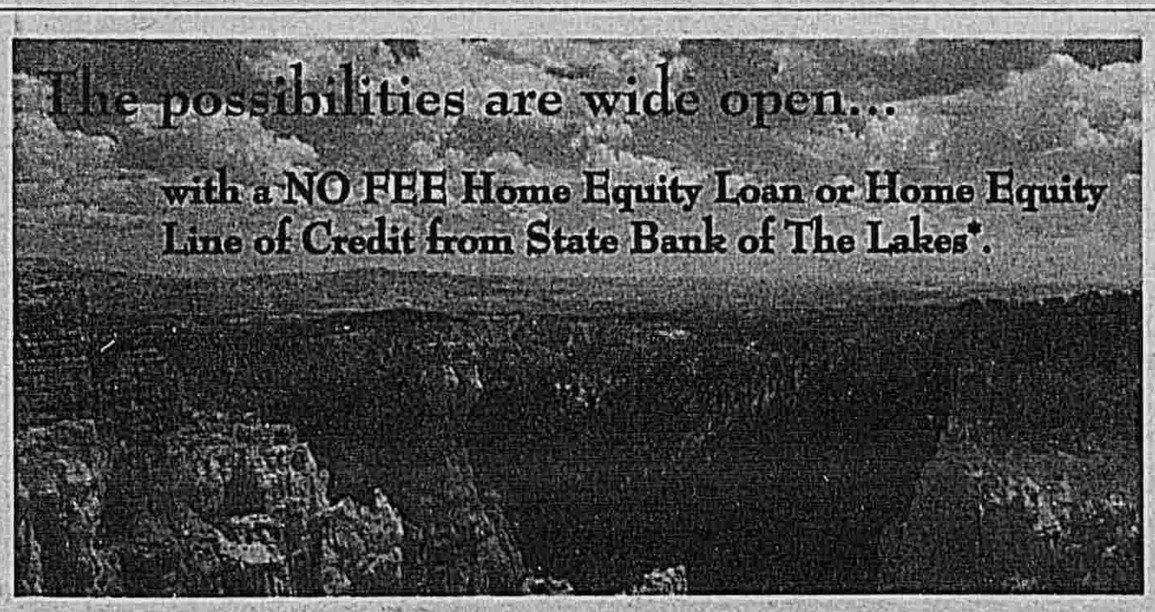
"We came out flat," Carmel coach Jon Baffico said. "We rebounded a little better, but we didn't play well defensively."

That, according to Baffico, has been Carmel's M.O. all season.

"We've been having trouble putting things together," Baffico said. "We'll play well in small spurts. We've been doing some things better, but we still have a long ways to go."

The Corsairs closed out the Wheeling Invite with a game against Vernon Hills on Tuesday and will host Marian Central on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m.

"I think we can be competitive the next four to six games, so hopefully we can get that first win," Baffico said.



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GRANT

Bulldogs 4-1 at McHenry

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

Grant High may have the best 9-4 girls basketball team in the suburbs.

That may be a stretch, but not too much, as the difficulty of the schedule has improved. Grant has downed rivals North Chicago, Cary-Grove and a Palatine squad that was previously unbeaten in the tourney. Grant beat Palatine 40-32 at the final game of the McHenry Christmas Invitatational for a 4-1 mark and a co-pool championship.

"The last three quarters, we did a great job of help side defense. We held them to 16 points after giving up that many in the first quarter. We out on their shooters," said Grant coach Tom Oeffling.

That effort should come in handy in February and the pressures of the post-season tournament.

"This is our most difficult schedule since I have been here," Oeffling said. "Our goal here was to win our pool."

Grant's Danielle Eiler survived some relentless traps set up by the Palatine defenders on the wing early and finished with a strong game. Ashley Arff, a junior, had a strong tourney.

"That is just the way she plays," Oeffling said of Eiler.

"We never gave up. We just kept going. We felt good at halftime," Eiler said.

Grant turned a 14-5 deficit to an 18-16 lead by halftime.

"It was a big win. This was awesome," Arff said. "No one expected us to beat them."

Eiler sealed the win with two baskets on out-of-bounds plays when she was left completely open.

A 14-5 deficit was no problem for these calm Bulldogs on this frigid Wednesday. An Eiler free throw helped in the steady comeback for a six-point deficit. She had a putback, then Arff scored, followed by a 10-footer by Eiler and an Eiler lay-up and suddenly it was a tie game. Newton got to the hoop for a score and it was suddenly a Grant lead for the remaining 18 minutes of play.

The lead reached seven points, 28-21, on consecutive baskets by Kaela Munster.

Grant's only loss in the tournament was a 42-34 defeat at the hands of host McHenry. A 17-2 Warriors run finished the game. Arff had 12 points and Newton eight.

WRESTLING

Grant High's wrestling team readied for a battle with nationally ranked Montini with a strong showing at the Glenbrook south Invite.

The Bulldogs outdistanced the other 16 teams in the two-day battle with 236.5 points, 70 better than Wheeling's 174 point total. Stevenson was third with 128.5 points. It was the fifth straight year that Grant has won the tournament title.

Daniel Dennis won the title at 130 pounds, beating Wauconda's Neal Swanson for the second time in three days, 117-4. Dennis was state runner-up at 125 last year. "Daniel is really coming into his own. He is maturing and shows good leadership in the wrestling room," coach Ryan Geist said of the senior.

Jimmy Kennedy is doing just fine at 119 pounds this year after winning the state title at 103 last year. He beaet Barrington's Andy McArthur 17-5 in the finals.

Freshman Danny Deligio at 103, Izzy Montemayor at 112 and John Dineen at 125 gained seconds for tbe Bulldogs as they, too, reached the finals. Montemayor is 15-3 after earning the spot at 112, while Deligio did well in his first big varsity tournament, Geist said.

Toby Temple won at 140 and Joe Barczak took the title at 160 for Grant. "That was his first big tournament win," Geist said of Barczak,

Mike Nixon at 189 and Joe Montemayor at 145 place fifth for Grant and Eric Horvath took third at 171 for other place winners for the Bulldogs.

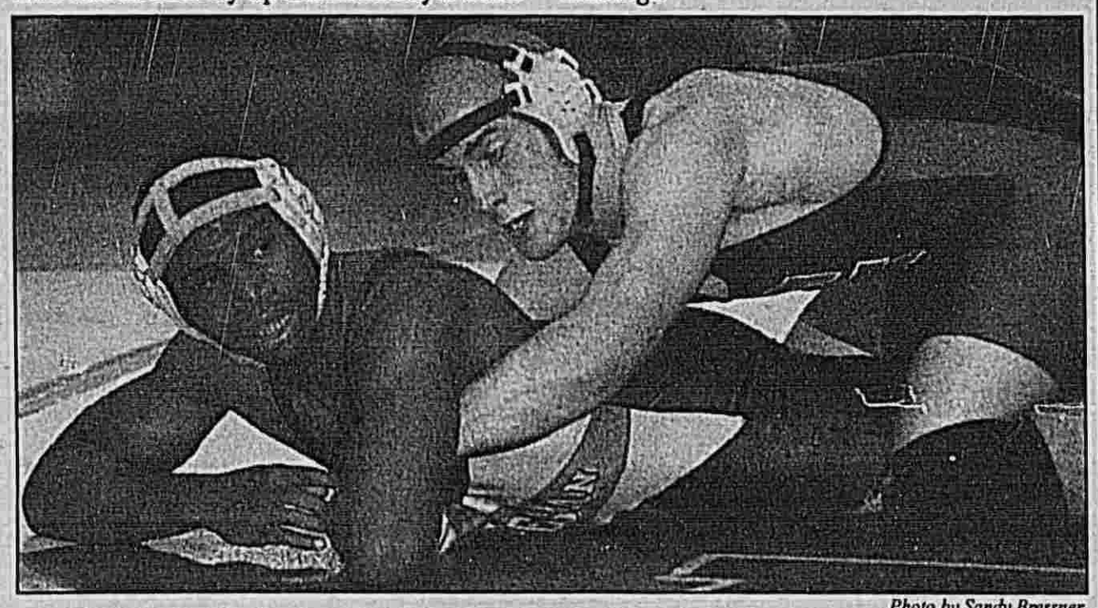


Photo by Sandy Bressner

Grant's Erik Horvath dominates Waukegan High School's Curtis Hines during a tournament earlier this season at Waukegan's East Gymnasium.

GRAYSLAKE

Young Rams' woes continue

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

Grayslake coach Mike Hirsch is convinced his team, which features just one player with any varsity experience, is starting to figure things out. While that improvement has yet to translate into a win, he remains patient that eventually it will.

"I know Rome wasn't built in a day," Hirsch said. "The nice thing is that we're seeing progress right now. I just wish we were further ahead right now."

The team's biggest downfall, according to Hirsch, is its inability to sustain a complete effort, as evidenced in a 62-32 loss to Carmel in a finale of the Blue Devil Classic.

The Rams managed to hang with an excellent Corsairs team in the early going, only to fall hopelessly behind in the second half. In fact, Grayslake twice held a lead in the contest, once on a bucket by Rachael Manuel (5 points) just over a minute into the game, and the second time on a field goal from Colleen Centella (9 points) 24 seconds later.

Predictably, Carmel went on a 7-0 run, but then Rachel Wright answered with the first of her two 3-pointers to cut the lead to 11-8 with 2:31 left in the first quarter. However, that was as close as Grayslake would get the rest of the game as the Corsairs quickly came back with a 14-3 run to seize control.

The Corsairs, taking advantage of several offensive rebounds and missed Grayslake free throws, continued to stretch the lead throughout, leading by as much as 31 points in the fourth quarter. Once again it was the little things, according to Hirsch.

"Defensively, we're half a step away from where we're supposed to be," Hirsch said. "And the girls don't understand what a big deal it is when they're half a step away. At the lower levels they can get away with that stuff, but varsity will truly expose what you know about defense and what you don't know about it."

One of the bright spots throughout the tournament was the emerging play of sophomore Kara Ming, who was named to the All-Tournament team.

"She's really starting to figure it out," Hirsch said. "She's been playing a lot better defense."

Despite the loss, which dropped Grayslake's record to 0-12, Hirsch is certain better times are ahead for his team.

"We're definitely getting closer to that first win," Hirsch said. "We've gotten a lot better, but we still have a ways to go."

However, the team's record is of little concern to Hirsch, who said: "I'm not focusing on wins and losses, I'm just focusing on effort. We're trying to get a little experience under our belts."

Up next for the Rams is a contest at Fox Valley Conference foe Lake Zurich Jan. 4.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Grayslake got locked into a defensive battle with a strong Thornwood team and came up on the short end of the stick, falling 39-35 in the opening of the State Farm Classic in downstate Normal.

"It usually takes a while to get going offensively in a tournament like this," said Grayslake coach Tim Bowen, whose team shot 14 of 38 (37 percent) from the field in the contest. "Our shots just wouldn't fall."

Brian Centella led Grayslake with 15 points, while Travis Guy and Rob Vaughan each scored 7 and Elias Washington added 6. Unfortunately, they were the only Rams in the scoring column.

"They (Thornwood) did a nice job packing the lane and forcing us to shoot outside," Bowen said. "And they didn't have to come out and guard us because we weren't hitting our shots."

The Rams twice had a shot to tie or take the lead in the final minute but both 3-point attempts missed to seal the team's fate. The loss dropped Grayslake's record to 5-5.

"Our goal now is to finish 3-1 and take the consolation title to finish ninth, which was our seed," Bowen said.

After the tournament, Grayslake will travel to Libertyville for a non-conference match up Jan. 4.



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Grayslake's Colleen Centella, pushes through the double-team of Carmel during the Blue Devil Classic Girls' Varsity Holiday Basketball tournament.

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LIBERTYVILLE

Cats' comeback falls short

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

Sometimes the characteristics of one sport can be used effectively in another.

That was the case Tuesday afternoon, as Naperville Central senior guard Alex Klupchak brought the characteristics of a wide receiver and a track star to the basketball court in his team's match up with Libertyville. The game was part of the consolation bracket of the Wheeling Wildcat Hardwood Classic Tourney.

With 35 seconds left in the contest, the Wildcats had rallied from an eight-point deficit to inch within three points of the Redhawks at 54-51.

After Libertyville called a timeout, the team prepared to defend a Naperville Central inbound pass. The goal was simple—try to get a five-second call and, if that didn't work, foul right away.

But the Redhawks had a trick up their collective sleeve, as Klupchak got past defenders like a receiver splits the secondary and caught a long inbound pass in mid-sprint at the half-court line. He took the ball in for an uncontested lay up to put Naperville North up 56-51 and the game out of reach.

Klupchak's fast break capability was one of the major keys to the game as he consistently burned Libertyville's defense for easy lay ups like he was running the 100-yard dash. He finished the day with a game-high 16 points.

"He's a little deceptive being lefty and we just had a tough time staying with him," Libertyville assistant coach Briant Kelly said of Klupchak.

Kelly was filling in for Wildcats head coach Scott Bogumil, who was absent for personal reasons.

As the game got underway, it was the Wildcats who were doing the running.

Libertyville (4-8) started the game with aggressive rebounding and a quick offensive attack that gave them an 8-0 lead about three minutes into the contest.

But the Redhawks (7-5) answered back, breaking down the Wildcat's defense and going on a 13-2 run for the rest of the first quarter to earn a 13-10 lead.

"We started out this game better than we have the past couple games and got a nice run there (at 8-0)," Kelly said. "But then they made a couple substitutions and they went on a run. But we were right there."

The Wildcats were able to recover from the rally and the score see-sawed back and forth for much of the second.

"I told the kids at half time if we keep playing hard like we did the first, that we could get them," Kelly said.

The game remained close in the third quarter, as the teams traded buckets for the entire eight minutes. Heading into the fourth, Naperville Central had a slight edge with a 44-42 lead.

But the Redhawks opened up the closing quarter with eight uncontested points, putting the Wildcats on their heels in the closing minutes.

Libertyville made a valiant effort at a late comeback when senior guard Andy Jensen, who led the Wildcats with 13 points, hit a three and junior forward Kyle Engstrom hauled down a rebound and knocked in a lay up to make the count 54-51.

But that was when Klupckack did his best impression of Randy Moss to seal the win.

"We needed a couple shots that didn't fall our way and they had shots that fell their way (in the fourth quarter)," Kelly said. "That's part of the game but good teams are going to make those shots."

WRESTLING

Libertyville senior 140-pounder Jeff Keske earned some long-awaited redemption at the Dvorak Tournament at Dundee-Crown High School Dec. 23.

After losing last season to Albert White of St. Rita last season, he defeated the sophomore defending state champ 3-2 in double-overtime at the tourney.

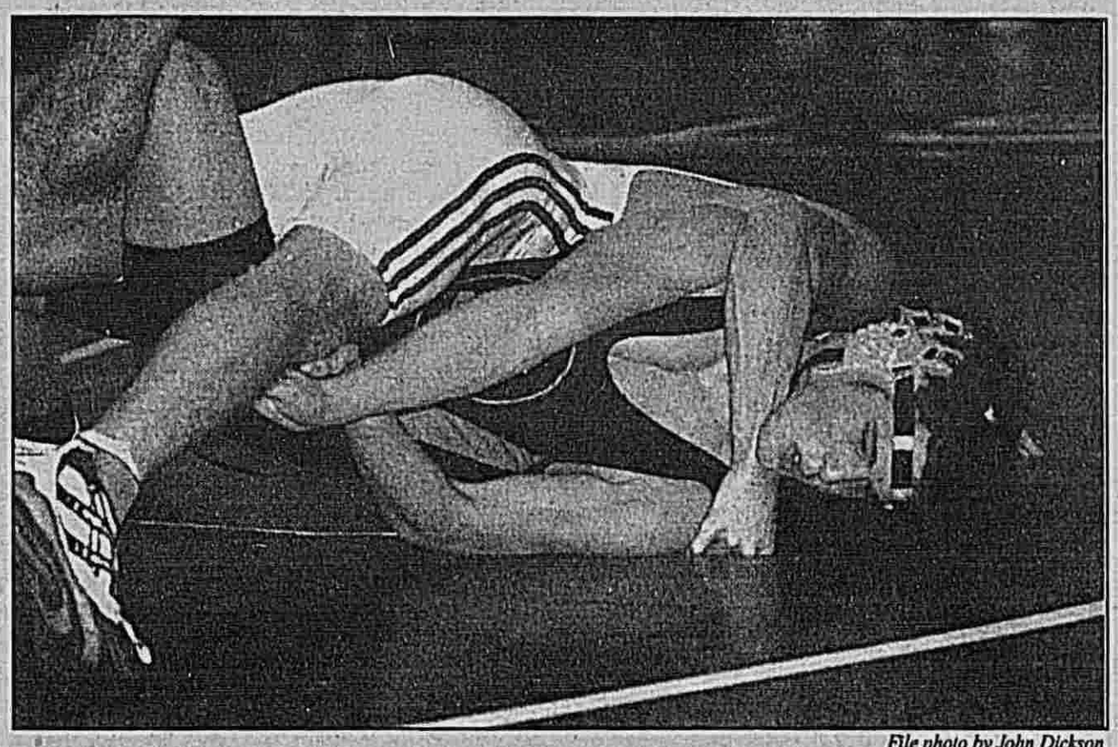
It was White's first loss of his high school career, as he had gone 40-0 before meeting Keske in the rematch.

While Keske lost 10-9 to Morton's Jeff Tharp in the championship bout, second place was still good for the best finish of any Wildcat wrestler at the meet.

Overall, Libertyville took seventh place out of 33 teams with 115 points in what is considered one of the more competitive wrestling tournaments in the state.

Carl Sandburg won the tourney with 229 points.

Other Wildcats who fared well at the event were 135-pounder Dave Paramski, who took third and 275-pounder Jack Danilkowicz, who took fourth overall.



File photo by John Dickson

Libertyville High School's Joey Callen wrestles Mundelein's Will McDermott during a match up earlier this season.



MUNDELEIN

Mustangs win tourney opener

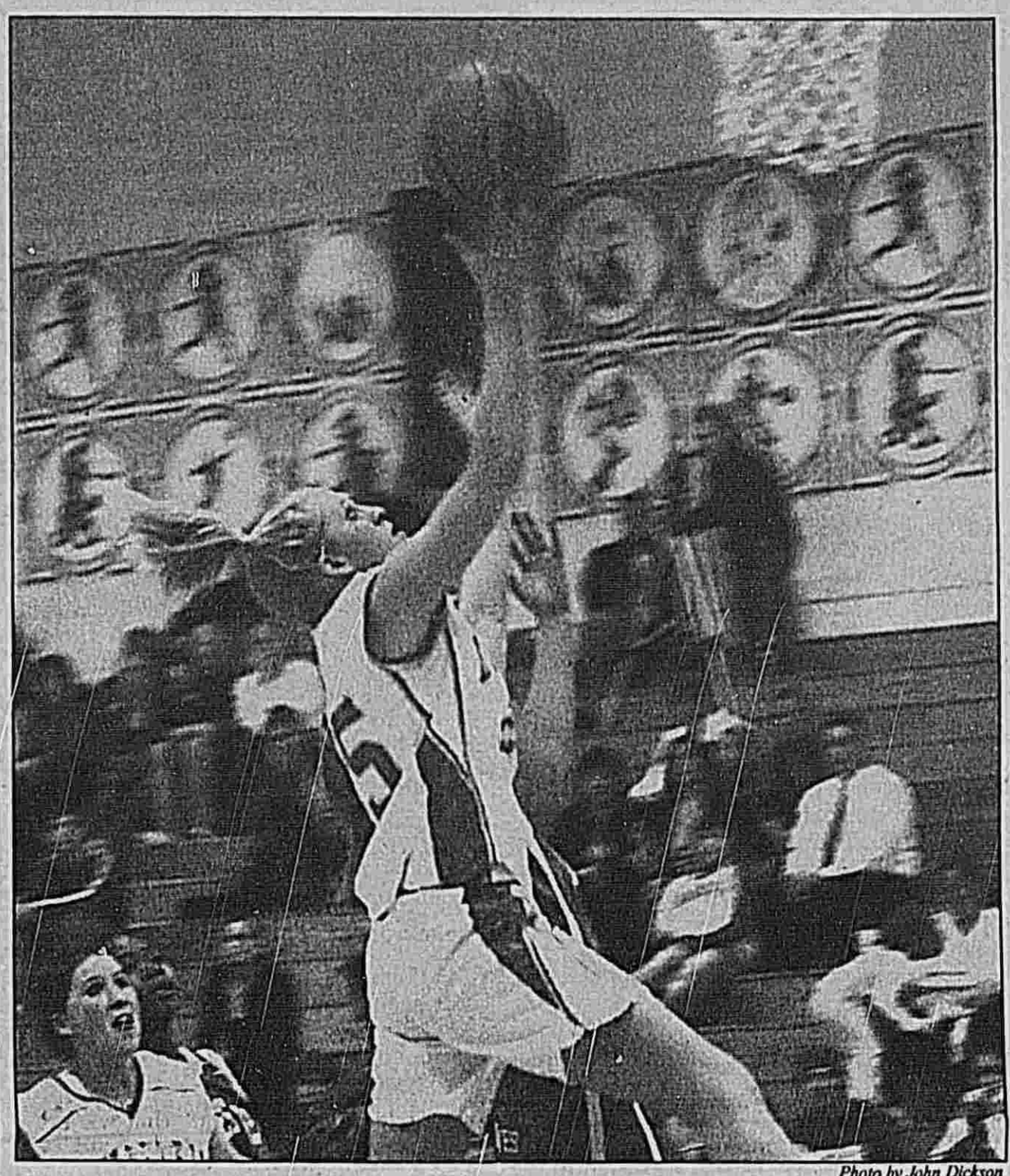


Photo by John Dickson

Mundelein senior Beth Rosendahl goes up for the shot, only to be fouled while playing against Niles West High School, in the Mundelein High School Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament.

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

With a team motto like "The next level," it was obvious from the start of the season that the Mundelein girls' basketball team meant business.

And while a win is a win, how the games are won is just as important to the Mustangs players and the coaches.

That's why you didn't see many members of the team get too excited after they beat Niles West 58-39 in their first game of the Mundelein Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Mustangs head coach Brian Evans said the main reason for the frustration was the team's struggles on the defensive end.

"We won on the scoreboard by a lot, but I was not pleased with the way we played defensively nor were the kids," he said. "We just put them to the line too many times and we gave up too many points to (Niles West senior point guard Hailee Sullivan)."

Senior guard Beth Rosendahl echoed her coach's sentiments.

"I think that we need to really work a little bit more on our defense," she said. "We were kind of getting lucky that we were able to come out with such a big win when we weren't playing that good on defense."

Several trips to the free-throw line and some nice perimeter shooting led to a stellar night for Niles West senior guard Hailee Sullivan, who poured in 26 of her team's 39 points to lead all scorers.

Rosendahl and senior guard Sarah Miller combined to be just as potent as Sullivan offensively, combining for 33 points. Miller was the leading scorer for Mundelein with 17, while Rosendahl contributed 16.

"Offensively those two are always pretty reliable," Evans said of his scoring tandem.

In the first half, the Mustangs (9-4) had a hard time getting into their offense as they battled to an 11-7 first quarter lead.

The Hawks hung tough with Mundelein in the second half as well, and were down only 20-15 heading into halftime.

In the second half, however, the Mustangs found their transition offense, capitalizing on rebounds that led to quick fast-break points.

Mundelein outscored Niles West 19-11 in the third quarter to extend their lead to double digits at 39-26.

The Hawks (4-9) were not able to chip into the lead in the fourth quarter, despite the best efforts of Sullivan, who had seven points in the final period.

Evans said he was happier with his team's offensive effort in the second half when the Mustangs were able to run and key more transition points. But he said his squad still never seemed to get into a rhythm.

"It just seemed like anytime we got a flow going where we'd be going up and down the floor two or three times, we'd reach out and foul somebody and that would stop the game," he said. "We just never got an up-and-down type of game going."

The Mustangs will finish up their holiday tournament with a game against Glenbrook North Wednesday, followed by a finale against Conant Thursday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Mundelein boys basketball team continued their tough season with a 60-58 loss to Round Lake Dec. 23 in the 15 th-place game of the Jacobs Tournament.

The loss dropped the Mustangs to 1-11 on the season and 0-3 in conference play.

The Mustangs jumped out to a two-point lead at 11-9 in the first quarter, but the Panthers bounced back to tie things up at 25 heading into halftime.

Round Lake then outscored the Mustangs by two in a key third quarter, which proved to be the deciding points of the game, as both teams notched 22 points in the fourth, giving the Panthers (1-11) the narrow win.

Mundelein senior center Warren Arnold led his team with 18 points, including three three-pointers. Senior guard Brian Wilhelm added 13 points.

Round Lake junior forward John Paulsen had a huge game for the Panthers with 25 points, while junior guard Brian Mendralla added 17 points.

The Mustangs will next host Lake Zurich Jan. 4.

ROUND LAKE

Panthers get 1st win

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

In several years of coming to the Jacobs Christmas tournament, Round Lake had eight wins to show for its efforts.

The Panthers put it all together with a mix of team play and outstanding individual effort in their ninth win ever at Jacobs, holding back Mundelein 60-58. It featured a wide variety of aspects, including a game winning, three-point play by John Paulsen.

"They had taken a one-point lead, but Toby Artega drove down the length of the court. Everyone thought he was going to shoot the open 15 footer, but he looked at the clock and found Paulsen open down the baseline," said RL Coach Mark Petrynek of the final points.

Mundelein had a shot to win at the buzzer, but a pass was harmlessly tipped away. MHS finished the tourney 0-5.

Paulsen finished with 25 points and had 18 rebounds for the 1-12 Panthers. "He has grown up a lot in the last 10 days," Petrynek said of Paulsen.

Artega had 11 points and more importantly, 9 assists. The senior also had key plays on defense in the fourth quarter. Artega, a 6-foot, 4-inch senior, was named team co-captain last week. Senior Brandon Gerfen hit a key basket late.

Brian Mendralla scored 17 points. Frosh Jermaine Brown and sophomore Kyle Jacobysin, a trey by senior Brian Lewis and the defense of Tim Theobald all were contributing factors.

"The win will give the whole team a new boost. Hopefully, it will bring some of the naysayers to our side," Petrynek said. "A lot of players stepped up. We're trying to bring in a whole new philosophy, one in which accountability outside the home, when they wear the Round Lake uniform or are in school, is important."

Defensively, the Panthers adjusted to treys early by senior Warren Arnold, who finished with 18 points. Mendralla drew the assignment of stopping Arnold in Round Lake's man-to-man defense.

Petrynek said he listened to the suggestion by Artega to move up good ball-handler Brown. "He gives is another good ball handler and takes some of the pressure off Artega," the coach said. Petrynek said Artega has made great strides in the last couple of weeks himself.

WRESTLING

He may be a freshman, but Dillon Pousson already has experience in winning clutch matches.

Round Lake needed the 103-pounder to pin his foe from Richmond-Burton to earn the dual meet win. The frosh came through with a pin and the Panthers prevailed 38-36. The Panthers had an easier time of it against Marengo in a 58-21 win for a solid 4-2 start in dual meets. The Panthers are at Zion-Benton Jan. 7.

"I talked to Dillion before the match and said, 'do you know what you have to do for us? He said yes and went out and did it. He did a nice job with two pins," RL head coach John Jobst said.

Round Lake had trailed most of the match against the Rockets.

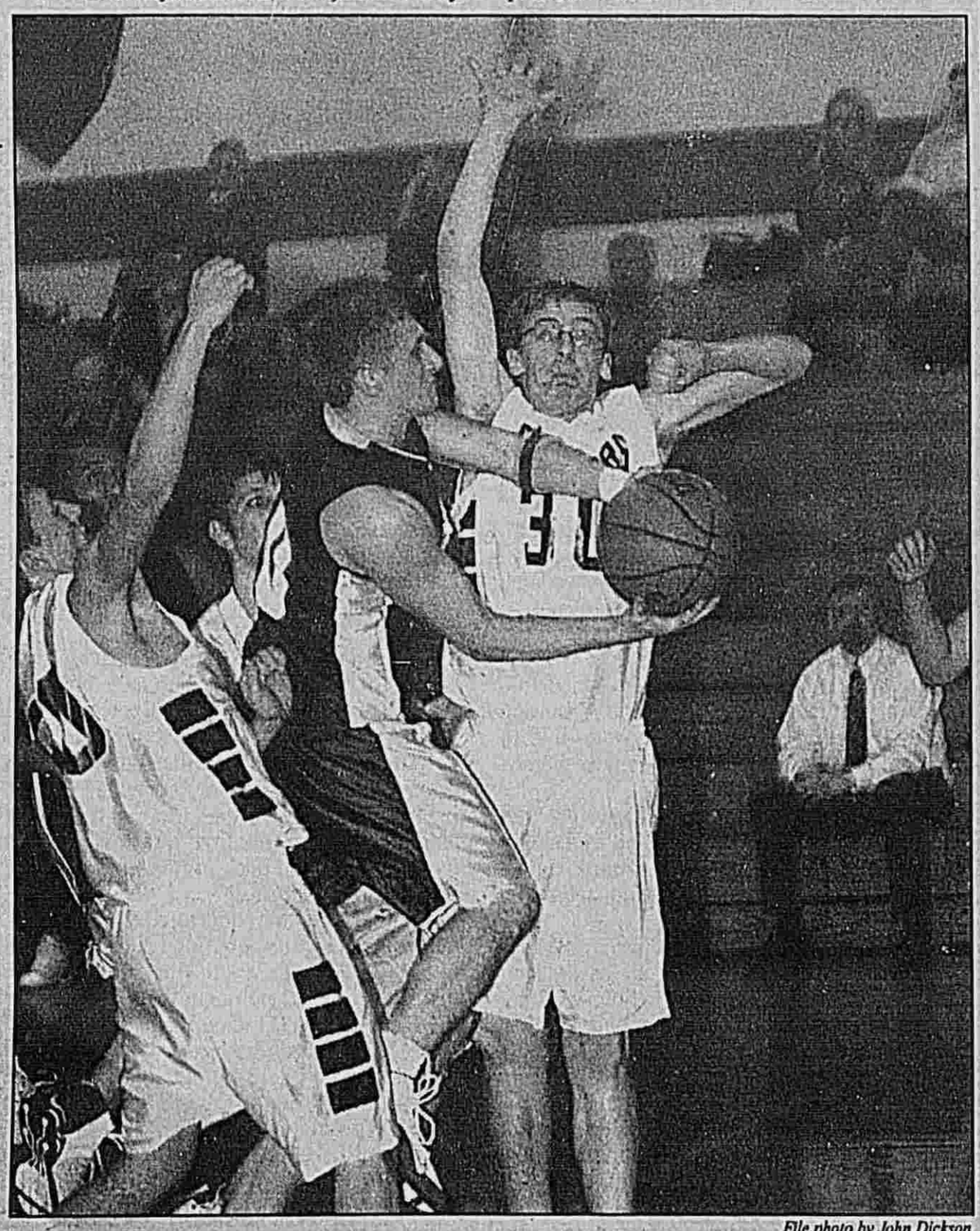
Dillon's brothers also earned pins. Duston Pousson gained two wins by pin, winning at 135 pounds in 1:07 the first match and 1:23 the second. Derrick Pousson was 2-0 at 112.

Josh Terrell, moving up to 160 against Richmond, won in a 13-2 decision and a pin in 1:40 against Marengo.

Sophomore Anthony Whiteside won by a pin at 130 pounds in 90 seconds against Richmond.

Round Lake was at Bartlett Dec. 30 to stay in good shape for the second half of the division race, with St. Viator and Waukegan.

"We're ready for the second half of the season. I think that we will surprise some people," Jobst said.



File photo by John Dickson

Round Lake High School's Joey Johnson attempts a rebound during a game earlier this season against Wauconda.

VERNON HILLS

Cougars fall to 0-12

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

Vernon Hills boys head basketball coach Matt McCarty tried referencing a different sport to motivate his team after they lost 58-45 to Foreman in the Wildcat Hardwood Classic tournament at Wheeling.

Rather than talking basketball, he talked NFL football, quoting words of wisdom from hall of fame head coach Don Shula, who said that some of the seasons in which he learned the most were when his team had a losing record.

"So I'm asking our guys, 'What have we learned going through this losing streak?'" McCarty explained. "'You guys have to start learning some things and stop doing those things and we haven't gotten there yet.'"

But the same problems that have plagued the Cougars for much of the season—turnovers and missed free throws—came back to haunt them again against Maine West in the consolation bracket at Wheeling.

The Warriors utilized strong defense that keyed several transition buckets to defeat Vernon Hills 51-28.

"We made some soft passes and those turned into lay ups for (Maine West)," McCarty said. "It came pretty easy for them. I just don't think we defended very well."

The loss dropped the Cougars to 0-12 on the season.

Senior guard Casey Fijalkowski led Vernon Hills with eight points, while sophomore guard Thomas Catanzaro chipped in five.

The Cougars played their best basketball of the game in the first quarter behind tough defense that stifled the Warriors offense and earned them an 8-7 lead.

But junior center Bob Coy picked up his third foul early in the second, which relegated him to the bench and altered the team's interior defense and rebounding.

Maine West's offense came to life in the second quarter, outscoring Vernon Hills 15-5 to build a 22-13 lead heading into halftime.

McCarty said missed opportunities at the charity strip played a key role in the Warrior's run.

"We had a little bit of momentum at 8-7 and we got into the bonus real early," he said. "Then when you don't make free throws, especially the front end of one-and-ones. To have that momentum and then step up and basically choke free throws away time and time again, it kind of deflates you."

Maine West senior guard Pierre Oscar led the Warriors to another big surge after halftime, as he scored nine of his 14 points.

The Cougars, on the other hand, managed only one field goal in the third quarter, which allowed Maine West's lead to balloon to a 36-18 advantage.

Vernon Hills was finally able to put together a 10-4 run in the fourth to cut the lead to 14 with just under four minutes to play. But the Warriors bounced back with a rally of their own, scoring the final 11 points of the game to seal the win.

McCarty said his young squad is still searching for a go-to guy that the Cougars can rely on offensively.

"We just don't have a guy that just really wants the basketball in their hands, to get us into whatever we need to get into," he said.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Throughout the Vernon Hills girls basketball team's rough 0-10 start, head coach Paul Brettner preached patience with his young and inexperience squad.

That mentality is starting to pay off, as the Cougars have now won two of their last four games.

After taking care of Wauconda in a 24-22 last Saturday, Vernon Hills (2-12) notched their second win of the season with a 49-45 overtime win against Downers Grove South in the Chicagoland Holiday Basketball Challenge at Maine South.

The Cougars were down 34-23 heading into the fourth quarter, but outscored Maine South 26-11 the rest of the way for the win.

Vernon Hills senior center Stephanie Hebda led her team with 22 points on 8 of 11 shooting from the field and 6 of 8 shooting from the free throw line.



File photo by Sandy Bressner

Vernon Hills High School's Lauren Hansen takes a shot in a game against Grant earlier this season.



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WARREN

Devils win holiday invite

By Rob Backus
Sports Editor

You could sense the fatigue coming from Warren in the final game of the Blue Devil Classic against Lake Forest last Thursday. Their shooting was off, especially from the free-throw line, and their legs seemed wobbly.

Throw in the fact that the Devils were playing their fifth game in four days, including a nail-biter against Carmel the previous day, and the team was ripe for an upset.

However, through sheer will and determination, and some suffocating defense, Warren pulled out another close win, defeating Lake Forest 47-43 in overtime to secure the tournament title with a 5-0 record.

"We're just a very tired team right now," Warren coach John Stanczykiewicz said. "You could tell by the way we played tonight."

As a team, Warren shot just 15 of 47 from the field and just 14 of 23 at the free-throw line. However, the defense saved the day, holding the Scouts to 14 of 31 from the field and forcing 19 turnovers.

"We definitely wanted to play some defense today," said Warren senior Alex Leach, who drew the tough task of defending Northwestern University-bound Kristin Cartwright. "Guarding Cartwright was a challenge, I was just trying to contain her."

The Devils had further reason to feel dejected at the end of the game. After Alex Leach drew Cartwright's fifth foul with 3 seconds left, she calmly nailed a pair of free throws to give Warren a 41-38 lead and seemingly seal the win.

"I told myself I just had to put those two in," said Leach, who finished with 10 points, 6 rebounds and 3 steals. "There's pressure and the adrenaline is going through you, you just have to tell yourself to calm down because free throws are the easiest shots in the world."

Leach and the rest of her teammates had to calm down again just 3 seconds later as Lake Forest's Megan Christensen caught a Hail Mary inbounds pass and drilled a 3-pointer to tie the game as the buzzer sounded.

A moment like that could have sent the Devils into a tailspin, as the Scouts seemingly had the momentum going into overtime. But Leach and the rest of the Devils weren't about to let that happen.

"We kind of dropped our heads at first, but we went back into the huddle and we still knew we had it," Leach said. "We still felt we had the momentum because they had to play without Cartwright. We just needed four minutes of good defense."

And that's exactly what Warren got, holding Lake Forest without a field goal in the extra session. The Devils didn't hit a field goal either, but they did make 6 of 12 shots from the charity stripe to seal the win.

Senior TK LaFleur nailed a pair of free throws with 6.2 seconds left to seal the deal. She finished with a team-high 15 points, along with 3 boards, 3 assists and 2 steals.

"We knew they were going to come back at us strong after we beat them last week," LaFleur said. "We were kind of dead at the end but we pulled it out."

According to Stanczykiewicz, his job of keeping his players calm in overtime was simple.

"I just told them that the title was on the line," Stanczykiewicz said. "I appealed to their pride."

The win improved Warren's record to a perfect 14-0, something Stanczykiewicz wasn't counting on heading into the season.

"We've had a target on our backs all season," Stanczykiewicz said. "But the girls haven't caved to the pressure. They've played within themselves and they've played together every game. I'm most proud of that."

Leach, LaFleur and freshman Sarah Boothe (10 points) were named to the All-Tournament team.

The Devils will take the court again Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. when they travel to Downers Grove South for a non-conference matchup.

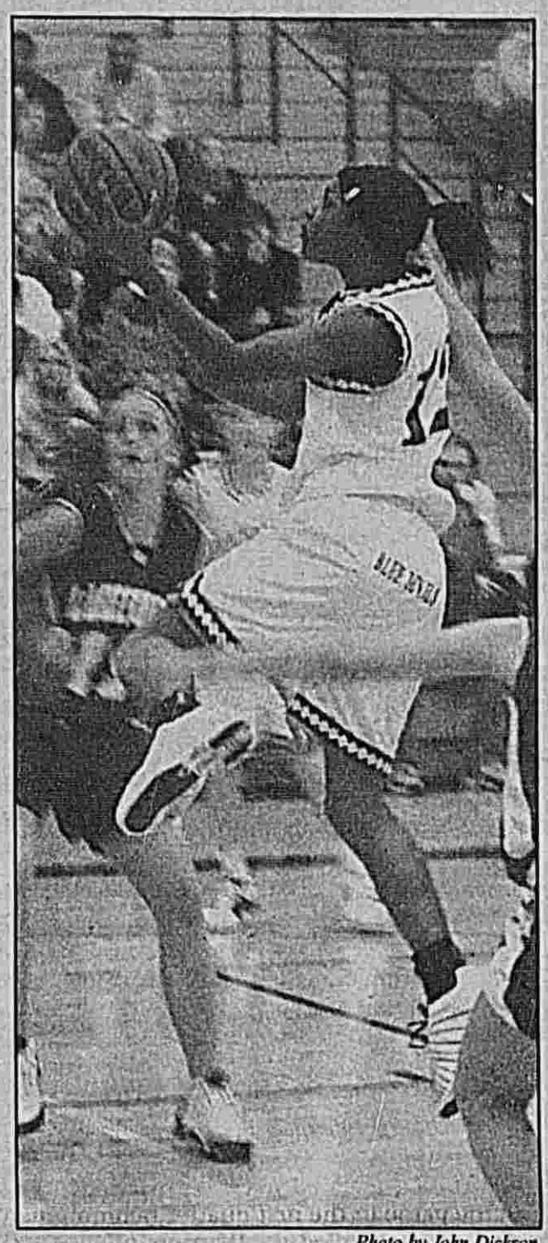
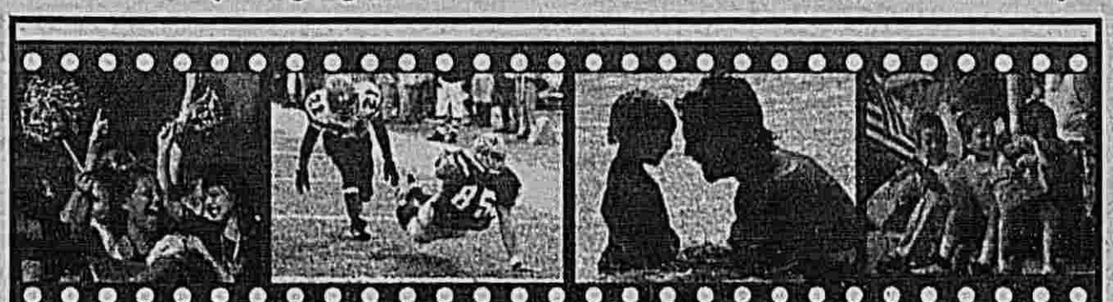


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Warren's TK LaFleur leaps towards the basket while playing against Lake Forest in the Blue Devil Classic Girls' Varsity Holiday Basketball tournament.



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WAUCONDA

Bulldogs 10th at Jacobs

By Steve Peterson
Sports Reporter

Wauconda High's boys basketball team sought to turn a few heads in its second year at the Jacobs Holiday tournament.

The Bulldogs consider their mission accomplished, with a tenth place finish, but only a few free throws away from the more coveted place games the final two days. Wauconda won two close games, the second 55-53 over Bartlett. Johnsburg topped Wauconda 57-47, although the Bulldogs challenged the taller Skyhawks team.

"We just got careless with the basketball after we had a nice push in the third quarter. I think we just after the spark, we ran out of energy," coach Rich Wolf said after the final game.

But overall, the Bulldogs look improved heading into the meat of the Prairie Division. Senior Hawk Haiduke was an all-tourney pick.

"We showed that we could play with some tough competition. I was very pleased. We are more confident in what we are," Wolf said. Wauconda is 5-7 on the year, matching its win total from last year.

Haiduke scored 18 points in the tournament final and Jay Grooms added 12. Tim Schwarz chipped in with seven.

"I liked the rims here. We tried to get a lot of skip passes against their zone," Haiduke said. Haiduke had a knee injury the game before tourney play began, but he did not let that stop him.

"The tournament should give us a lot of confidence for the division," Haiduke said. "I'm happy we beat some teams no one thought we could beat."

Haiduke scorched the nets for 28 points in the 54-53 double overtime win over St. Charles North. Grooms hit the key shot that sent the game into the first extra session. Haiduke scored the last five Wauconda points in the second overtime.

Wauconda also beat Mundelein and Bartlett.

Johnsburg coach Ed Sennett said the Skyhawks, 11-2 overall, may be close, but still have some work to do. "We play well in spurts, then have three or four minutes when we do not play well," Sennett said.

"They just had too many easy baskets against us," Wolf said.

JHS was paced with three double figure scorers. John Evanson had 15 points, all tourney Chad Hettermann 14, Dan Oziminski 13 and Chris Leathers nine. JHS had four treys against the Bulldogs. Kyle Fiedorowicz, 6-8, is an anchor of the defense, Sennett said.

Wauconda returns to action Jan. 4 at Huntley and Jan. 7 at Vernon Hills.

WRESTLING

Heavyweight Scott Hoy won by pin over Grant, in just over 90 seconds. "He really needed that win," said WHS Coach Tom Nance. WHS had its strength at the upper weights, as Andrew Baker won at 189 and Eric Madsen took an 11-2 decision at 215.

Grant dominated the meet, though, winning 52-21.

Baker posted a strong showing, with a win over Mike Nixon in a technical fall in 5:46 at 189.

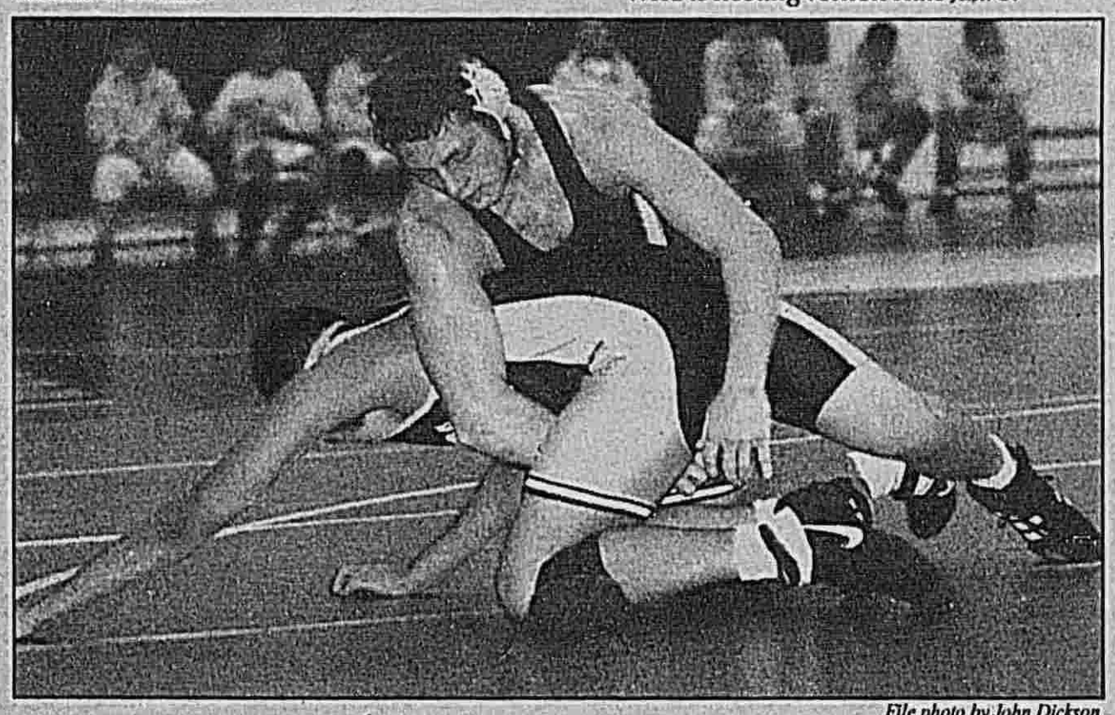
Tom O'Driscoll also had a steady effort. "He always gives you six minutes of effort every time. He is in very good shape all year round," Nance said. After spotting his opponent at 130 pounds a 2-0 lead, he did not allow a point after that in an 11-2 win.

Nick and Neal Swanson went up against two state place-winners, defending champion Jim Kennedy and runner-up Daniel Dennis at 125 and 135 pounds, and lost.

But overall, it was a much better effort for the home Bulldogs, who were shutout by Grant last year, a fact that Nance and the staff used as motivation.

Wauconda fared well at the Glenbrook South meet, gaining 102 team points. Andrew Baker took third at 189. Nick Swanson was fourth at 125 and Neal Swanson was runner-up to Dan Dennis of Grant in 130.

WHS is hosting Vernon Hills Jan. 5.



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Josh Eckmann, a junior at Wauconda High School, works to pin Round Lake High School junior Rodger Jimdar.



WAUKEGAN

Bulldogs take 2nd at Elgin

By Nicholas Alajakis
Sports Reporter

Waukegan basketball coach Brian Colbert said he knew his team's games would be difficult in the Elgin Holiday Tournament. But after they opened with a 59-point drubbing of Addison Trail, it was hard to see how anyone could challenge them.

That was until injury and poor defense reared its head.

The Bulldogs took a nine game winning streak into the finals against Glenbrook South. The same Glenbrook South they defeated handily 60-49 a week earlier. But this time it was a different story.

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> Brian Colbert
> *Waukegan boys' basketball coach*

Waukegan was beat on both ends of court on the way to a 74-55 loss and second-place finish. Offensively the Bulldogs struggled to score points, getting only eight in the first quarter. And on the defensive end, with starting power forward Dexter Landry out with an injury, they struggled to get rebounds.

The defense just let down, Colbert said, compared to a week earlier, where the Bulldogs were able apply full-court pressure and stop the Titans from getting momentum.

The lack of stops defensively also hurt them offensively, Colbert said, because very often the team uses fast breaks to generate scoring runs.

The lack of scoring was evident to any casual fan that glances at the box score. Standout shooter Laron Frazier, who was averaging more than 20 points going into the contest, was held to only 10 points. Emanuel Gaiter added 17.

Afterward Colbert stressed the importance of a third scorer as he has all season.

"Teams have adjusted to Laron," Colbert said. "He's a marked man and teams are setting up defense to take him out. We need to work on something in practice. That's where the third person needs to step up."

Colbert also saw a silver lining in the loss, because it gives his team things to work one, before they see action again.

The rest of the tourney was a little easier for Waukegan.

In the semi finals they escaped with a 75-71 victory over Batavia. The Bulldogs trailed by three going into the third quarter.

In that game Gaiter had 24 points, Frazier added 16 and Ben Vega had 12. Vega had a key 3-pointer key steal late to put the Bulldogs up for good.

In the game against Batavia Landry injured his ankle. Colbert said he expects him to be out of action for about 10 days. But with no school or basketball games in the near future, he is expected to heal.

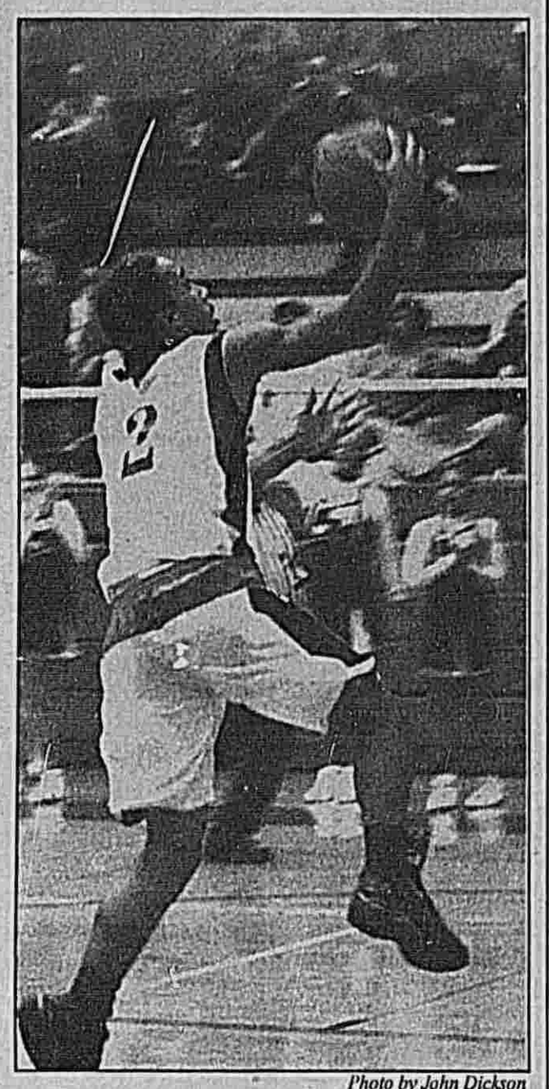


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Benjamin Vega, a junior at Waukegan High School, leaps into the air for a basket during the game against New Trier.

Against St. Patrick in the second round game, Waukegan got 16 points from Carlos Martin on their way to a 65-55 win. Twelve of Martin's points came from three-pointers.

Martin was able to get his points while the other team was concentrating their attention on Waukegan's two big scorers. And that's the way Colbert likes it.

"Carlos came up really big for us," Colbert said. "He showed he could be a scorer."

In the Bulldogs first round game everyone showed they could be a scorer.

On their way to a 106-47 victory over Addison Trail, four Bulldogs were in double figures. Frazier had 35 points, while hitting seven three-pointers. Gaiter added 13, Vega had 14 and Ricky Miller had 12.

Martin, David Davis, Dana Siebert, Marcus Pettis, and Demetrius Butler also scored.

"What really helped is that we got into our offense from our defense," Colbert said.

Waukegan's next game is against Niles West on Jan. 7. The Bulldogs take an 11-2 record into the contest.

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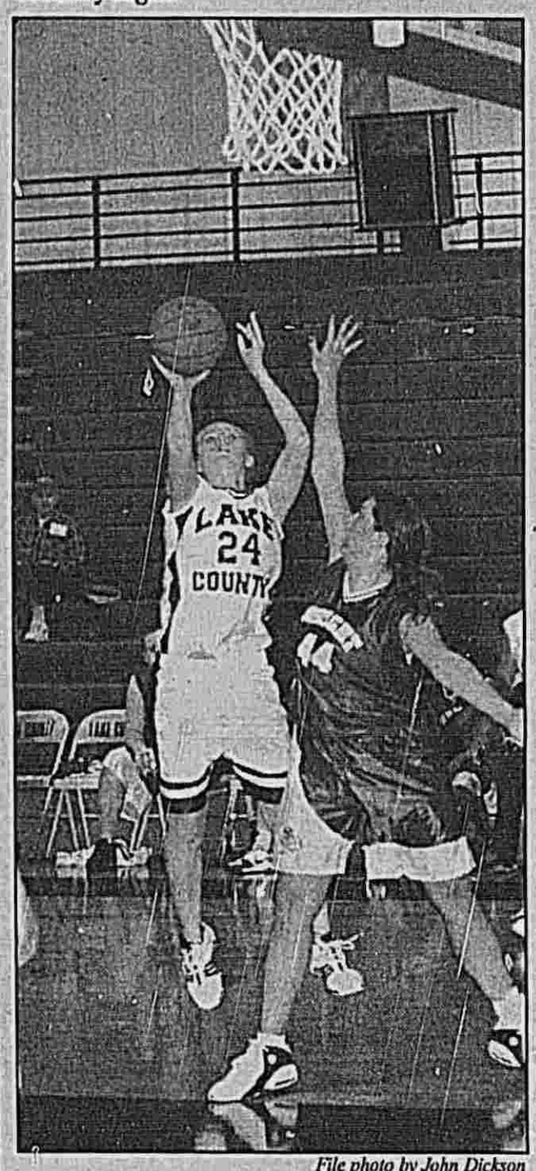
Rebounding costs Lancers

By Matt Pera
Sports Reporter

Rebounding has become a key element to the College of Lake County women's basketball team's success this season, literally and figuratively.

The Lancers are trying to bounce back and salvage the season after a tough start, in which they lost their first nine games.

But, in order to do that, the team must first improve their ability to pull down boards in their games, which again was a problem in their rematch with the College of DuPage Tuesday night.



File photo by John Dickson

Round Lake High School graduate Jamie Schaufel takes a shot while playing for the College of Lake County in a game earlier this season.

The Chaparrals out-rebounded CLC 22-5 in the first half while jumping out to a huge 45-18 by halftime. The Lancers were not able to recover and lost the opening game of the DuPage Tournament 74-54.

"Our failure to play even on the boards really hurt us," head coach Bill Braman said. "We gave up too many second and third chances and we didn't have enough chances. We would come down and get one shot, whereas they took several."

It was CLC's second loss to the Chaparrals this year, the first coming in the season-opener

At halftime Braman said the team looked at the gaping rebounding margin and came out with a new sense of purpose in the second half. The Lancers (1-13) managed to outscore DuPage 36-29 after halftime, but it was still not enough to surmount the early deficit.

"We played well in the last part of the game," Braman said. "But we dug a hole so deep we couldn't climb out."

DuPage was able to jump out to a quick 9-0 lead before CLC was able to get on the board. The lead ballooned to 13-2 and the Lancers had trouble making up the lost ground.

"Then panic set in and we took some shots that we shouldn't have taken," Braman said. "That made the problems worse instead of better."

Freshman forward and former Grayslake High School standout Jessica Piasecki led the Lancers with 15 points. Sophomore forward Kristin Poglayen (Round Lake High School) chipped in ten points, while freshman forward Nicole Schroeder (Grayslake) added nine.

It was the first time Schroeder had played in five games, as she was forced to sit out due to injuries to both her ankle and hand.

The Lancers will now need all the healthy bodies they can get, as three players were forced to leave the team due to academic ineligibility after grades came out last week.

CLC now suits up only eight players.

Despite the setback, Braman said the loss of personnel wouldn't hurt his team.

"We'll be fine," he said. "It makes a difference in practice but we'll be okay."

The Lancers will next take on Kankakee College Jan. 5 before opening up Skyway Conference play Jan. 11 at Morton College.

And while the team is still trying to regroup after a rough start, Braman said he is seeing signs of improvement.

"There are times when we are starting to play well," he said. "The thing is we are not able to sustain it. If we ever start sustaining our good play and not have lapses where we're falling into mistakes of the past, I really think we'll be alright."

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Employment Role Models

By Scott T. Fleischmann

Like many other people, I had no idea what job I wanted to do when I graduated from high school. That first summer I worked as a cement finisher's apprentice. I learned that I did not want to work long hours in physically strenuous work for the rest of my life. I worked there for a total of four months.

Five cement finishers and another apprentice worked on that job. We worked from sunup to sundown in the northern city where we lived. Every Friday we would try to finish as early as possible. Then one of the more experienced tradesmen would take up a collection, go to buy several cases of beer and we would drink them before we headed home. Only one of the crew abstained. After observing Charles's behavior for several weeks, I learned that his spiritual beliefs did not allow him to work from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. In addition, he never drank alcoholic beverages.

My next job was in a factory. I decided to go to school, this job allowed me to work eight hours each day so that I could plan classes around that day job. Most of us dressed in old faded, wrinkled (there was no permanent press material in those days) clothes, except for Mr. Clean.

He had earned the nickname by coming to work each day in clean, starched and pressed dungarees. At thirty-two years old, he had almost finished a degree in business at a local college, taking two courses each semester. He read the Wall Street Journal on his lunch break and talked about mutual funds and options. He never stopped for a drink after work with the other people, or so they told me. By that time, I was on my spiritual journey and I did not drink.

After several years on the day shift in the factory, I took a third shift job at a local bank in the check-reconciling department. My goal was to escalate my education. The nighttime hours allowed me to have greater access to the more plentiful daytime classes.

One day, after six months on that job, I was met at the door by my mother after a trying day at school. I lived at home to conserve expenses. She told me that she got a call from my manager at the bank. She thanked my mom for the cleanly pressed and starched clothing that I wore each day. It was an example to others, she said. She also said that two other employees had gone back to school after talking to me. My mother occasionally mentions that experience and Grace's comments (yes, after 35 years mom remembers her name.) It may have been high point of her pride in her only son.

Several years later, in my first management job, I worked for Do-Nothing-Joe. He got that name because he was a great politician, but a lousy manager. One day as he left the office he stopped in my office. We had a five-minute conversation that taught me much about management. In that short time, he gave me great advice about strength, courage and compassion for subordinates.

Everyone that we meet in the work place has something to offer. Charles, Mr. Clean, Grace, and Do-Nothing-Joe have had an affected on my life and my career. We need to see the best in everyone with whom we work. We can adopt their positive attributes. My only regret is that I did not learn to thank them for their lessons until much later. Some never received the deserved kudos.

Identify workplace role models. Learn from them. Thank them.

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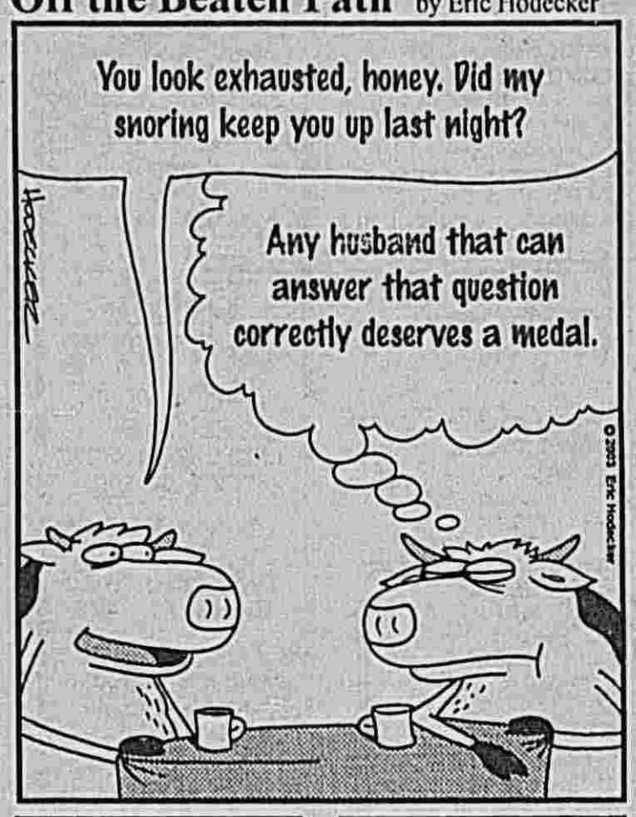
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ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
34611 N. Sequoia Dr., McHenry, IL. 60051, (815)759-6906.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Chris Nutt, 34611 N. Sequoia Dr., McHenry, IL. 60051, (815)759-6906.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Chris Nutt
December 13, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of December 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Candy L. Luzar
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 13, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1217C-6950-FL
December 17, 24, 31, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Leicht Automotive Imports
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Import Auto Repair
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
26474 N. Hwy. 59, Wauconda, IL. 60084, (847) 526-9113.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Timothy Leicht, 1204 W. Lincoln Rd., McHenry, IL. 60050, (815)344-9109.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Timothy Leicht
December 16, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 16th day of December 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Nancy Luna
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 17, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1217C-6956-WL
December 24, 31, 2004
January 7, 2005

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
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NATURE/PURPOSE:
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179 Ida, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 344-9034. P.O. Box 637, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 344-9034.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Richard C. Reynolds, W8444 Town Hall Rd., Sharon, Wi., 53585, (262)736-4360.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Richard C. Reynolds
November 29, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 29th day of November 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Denise Petkoff
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 2, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
1217C-6951-AN
December 17, 24, 31, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Nemo's Pub
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Tavern
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
25196 Route 173, Antioch, IL. 60002, (847) 445-5902.
25681 Arcade Drive South, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, (847)973-8323.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
George Nejmanowski, 25681 Arcade Dr. South, Lake Villa, IL. 60046, (847)973-8323.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ George Nejmanowski
December 13, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 13th day of December 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Roger W. Verne
Notary Public
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Lake County Clerk
1217C-6949-AN
December 17, 24, 31, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME application
NAME OF BUSINESS:
Impello Solutions
NATURE/PURPOSE:
Manufacturing Consultants
ADDRESS(ES) WHERE BUSINESS IS TO BE CONDUCTED OR TRANSACTED IN THIS COUNTY:
41 Park Ave., Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847) 543-9674.
NAME(S) AND POST OFFICE OR RESIDENCE ADDRESS(ES) OF THE PERSON(S) OWNING, CONDUCTING OR TRANSACTING BUSINESS
Paul Kokkin, 41 Park Ave., Grayslake, IL. 60030, (847)543-8928.
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
COUNTY OF LAKE)
This is to certify that the undersigned intend(s) to conduct the above named business from the location(s) indicated and that the true and legal full name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting the business is/are correct as shown.
/s/ Paul Kokkin
Dec. 17, 2004
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 17th day of December 2004.
OFFICIAL SEAL
/s/Debbie Ruxton
Notary Public
Received: Dec. 17, 2004
Willard R. Helander
Lake County Clerk
December 31, 2004
January 7, 14, 2005


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Public notice is hereby given pursuant to a Petition on file in the Village Clerk's office of the Village of Fox Lake, that a public hearing will be held on January 27, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Fox Lake, Illinois, to hear the Petition of FLE/Horizon Development Group, LLC, lessee of the following described real estate to-wit:

EXHIBIT A
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Petitioner is the lessee for years of the following described real estate, which is the subject of this petition:

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING (BEGINNING) AT A POINT WHERE THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 1314369 INTERSECTS THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF U.S. ROUTE 12 (STATE BOND ISSUE NO. 60); THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 1314369, A DISTANCE OF 399.90 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY MOST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES, 41 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 1314369, A DISTANCE OF 200.0 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES WEST, 490 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO A POINT DUE EAST (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9) OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12 IN EAGLE POINT HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST 194 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12, SAID POINT BEING THE ON THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9, THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 533 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE WATERS EDGE OF PISTAKEE LAKE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE WATERS EDGE OF SAID LAKE, 420 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 826838, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES EAST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 826838, A DISTANCE OF 1003.2 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF U.S. ROUTE 12; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD, 150 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

More Commonly Known as 100 South Route 12, in Fox Lake, Lake County, Illinois, in Grant Township.
P.I.N. 05-09-400-155

In addition, Petitioner is the record title holder of the following described real estate, to wit:

THAT PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT WHERE THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 1314369 INTERSECTS THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF U.S. ROUTE 12 (STATE BOND ISSUE NO. 60); THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 1314369, A DISTANCE OF 399.90 FEET TO THE SOUTHERLY MOST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE NORTH 41 DEGREES, 41 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 1314369, A DISTANCE OF 200.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES WEST, 490 FEET, MORE OR LESS TO THE POINT DUE EAST (MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 9) OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 12 IN EAGLE POINT HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE WEST 194 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 12, SAID POINT BEING ON THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 9, A DISTANCE OF 1106.50 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF LANDS DESCRIBED IN DOCUMENT 704304, THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHEASTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 704304, A DISTANCE OF 255.3 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF U.S. ROUTE 12; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID ROAD, 541.5 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 1314369; THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES, 08 MINUTES WEST, ALONG THE NORTHWESTERLY LINE OF DOCUMENT 1314369, A DISTANCE OF 400.0 FEET TO THE WESTERLY MOST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE SOUTH 41 DEGREES, 41 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST, ALONG THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF SAID DOCUMENT 1314369, A DISTANCE OF 100.0 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, IN LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

More commonly known as 80 S. Route 12, Fox Lake, Lake County, Illinois, in Grant Township.
P.I.N. 05-09-400-236

Location of property is: West side of Route 12, South of Sayton Road

The common address is: 80 & 100 S. Route 12

Petitioner is requesting the following: Zoning Change B-4 PUD & Variations as follows:

1. Variation of Section 9-1-4-3 of the Village of Fox Lake Zoning Ordinance of the maximum building height to allow a structure ten (10') feet in excess of the maximum allowable building height.

2. Variation from Section 9-1-4-3F, Floor Area Ratio from .25 to .46.

3. Variation from 9-1-5-1 to allow a four story principal structure as well as four story accessory buildings.

4. Variation from Section 9-1-5-2 from the maximum fifty (50') feet height of accessory structures to sixty (60') feet.

Said Petition is available for examination in the Village Clerk's office at the Village Hall in Fox Lake, Illinois

All interested persons are invited to attend said hearing and be heard.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Stochl, Chairman
Fox Lake Zoning Board of Appeals
Dated at Fox Lake, Illinois
This 23rd. day of December, 2004
1231E-6969-FL
December 31, 2004

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NOTICE FOR FILING OF NOMINATING PETITIONS

"Notice is hereby given that nominating petitions for candidates for election to the office of member of the Board of Education of the Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District No. 103 shall be filed with Angela Berka, located at the Administrative Offices-Conference Room, 1370 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069.

The first date for filing petitions is January 18, 2005, and the last date for filing petitions is January 25, 2005.

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2. Ballot positions for all other petitions shall be in the order in which they were filed.

By order of the Board of Education of District 103.

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Pamela Loewenstein
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Angela Berka
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1231E-6964-LB
December 31, 2004

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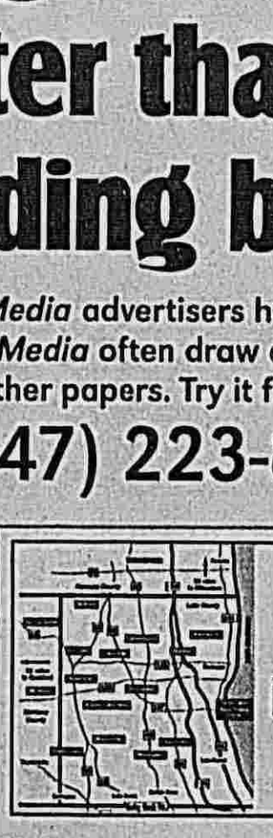


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Nicholas Andres, Katherine George, Samantha Morley, Ashley Paluch, Madelaine Burkert, Ashley Gier, William Mullen, Scott Passolt, Keli Coleman, Dorothy Jenke, Alyssa Munch, Clare Rupprecht, Steven Danna, lohn Karczewski, Teresa Ogrinc, Theresa Smith, Christopher DeBoo, Matthew Mellor, Lindsey Olson, Abigail Sup, Kymberly Forsythe

Juniors

Tyler Ankney, Sarah Dayiantis, Chelsea Paskvan, Kyle Sinkus, Flector Barrera, Sarah Grampovnik, Erica Pauley, Kathryn Steffenhagen, Sarah Baynes, Stehanie Meier, Laura Pavin, George Tebbetts, Jessica Beauchamp, Nicole Michehl, Curtis Robinson, Mary Beth Tourdot, Nora Bun, Danielle Mooshol, Jeffrey Rohalla

Sophomores

Timothy Anastos, Catrina Green, Allison Luka, Katherine Robens, Justin Baker, Matthew Gutantes, Margaret Millar, Daniel Schuster, William Battistone, Rebecca Hamman, Alexandra Moree, Heidi Seveska, Patrick Bender, Erin Heatherman, Shannon Morley, Samantha Sokup, Laura Beske, Katherine Herdmann, Yanela Ochoa, Marina Takeda, Thomas Brown, Daniel Jackson, William Olson, Kara Tamayao, Alanna Byrne, William Janssen, Megan Osterhout, Megan Thickpenny, Caitlin DeRango, Eric Knauf, Quint Owen, Christopher Toth, Mary Dolan, Michelle Knight, Ryan Palmer, Michael Vadnais, Daniel Fairfield, Kristin Lastres, Michael Pirih, Sara Waddelow, Selina Fesik, Sean Lees, Mary Reilly

Freshmen

Amanda Achille, Matthew Halvorson, Jordan Nasenbeny, Emily Tripicchio, Mina Alnajjar, Allison Hamman, Loren Pavel, Kathleen Vadnais, Claire Cepla, Kaitlyn Howard, Timothy Ruddell, Nicholas Vallorano, Kelly Cook, Jasmine Jimenez-Rotheimer, Lauren Schmidt, Brandong Verwijst, JillianDavenport, Michael Karich, Kevin Silton, Charles Wifler, Anusia Dickow, Kent Liederbach, Declan Sullivan, Alecia Wright, Sharon Falen, Katlyn Mathy, Kathryn Tarpey, Westley Zimmer, Kristen Gattuso

High Honors
All A/B's (G.P.A. 3.5 and above)
Seniors

Melissa Mae Alandy, Melissa Enriquez, Tynan Kraft, Diego Rodriguez, lohn Albers, Bridget Fagan, Kathleen Kruse, Allison Roeser, laymie Alvarez, lennifer Fedesna, Daniel Krzmarzick, Danielle Roy, Kiersten Anders, Liane Fiore, Patrick Lacey, Lauren Rutledge, Femarie Ang, Marisa Fiore, Kevin Lastres, Adam Salazar, Celestia Arendall, Jamie Fisher, Patrick Lehman, Francis Salemme, Tristin Autrey, Douglas Fitzgerald, Kendra Leidecker, lessica Saltiel, lohn Baillargeon, Erin Fredrick, Jennifer Lorenz, Brian Salvi, Alexandra Beiriger, Kimberly Galera, Peter Lynch, Katherine Schlax, Lauren Bickner, Michael Garamoni, Paul Lyons, Charles Schoen, Kristyn Biscocho, Joseph Giangrasso, Mary Mattingly, Jill Scudder, Cheryl Blok, Jaclyn Gifford, Ashley Meade, Kathryn Sonza-Novera, Jennifer Bockwinkel, Brittany Goodrich, Michael D. Meyer, Megan Steele, Sarah Bradburn, Catherine Grachek, Christina Mihaljevic, Laura Swan, Elizabeth Brennan, Christina Haas, Shannon Morrow, Ryan Swanson, Emily Buckley, Margaret Hertel, Claire Nachowicz, Gregory Swiss, Patrick Cain, Lauren Hock, Michael Niziolek, Sarah Tackett, Marcella Campione, James Hotchkiss, Peter Nozicka, Anne Tebbetts, Michael Chew, Kristen Huschitt, Yared Ogunro, Natalie Tolomeo, Anthony Cipolla, Heather Huster, Matthew Petermann, lason White, James Clinton, Heather Jones, Angela Pfammatter, Barbara Wilcox, Emily Cole, Angela Kalsi, Nicole Pilotte, James Williams, Ryan Coli, Lauren Kasper, Anna Pindara, lacqueline Zdon, Michael Davis, Rebecca Kersten, Matthew Pirih, Emily Zegar, Cailin Delaney, Lauren Kimener, Michael Pokryfke, lonathan Zegar, Christian Deme, Jessica Kipp, Julie Przywara, Stefan Zeidler, Katelyn DiCristofano, Elizabeth Kizior, Katherine Quille, Allison Zimmerman, Jennifer Eckhart

Juniors

Tricia Abernathy, Mary Eber, Alison Lacey, Jennifer Rowehl, Sarah Adamski, Rebecca Edmonds, Rebecca Lehman, Daniel Rupprecht, Amanda Andreasik, Elmer Esteban, Sara Lehman, Cassandra Scaman, Kristen Backe, Andrew Federer, Michelle Lewis, Kelly Schmidt, Demitra Badino-Berger, Felipe Fisher, Sarah Longfield, Jack Sieven, Cristina Balitaan, Brian Forman, Kelly Lynch, Colin Simmons, Peter Bartels, Mackenzie Fortune, Kathryn MacDonald, Jacob Slade, Caitlin Bender, Kathleen Graham, Sarah Macrowski, Nicholas Smith, Liza Bravine, Jeffrey Greco, Dorothy Manucci, Danielle Soudan, Meredith Brown, Emily Grum, Meghan McGinty, Mary Sponseller, Allison Buckley, Tom Hammer, Robert McKay, Sarah Stolz, Cristina Bufalino, Alyssa Harling, Kristina Minor, Kathleen Stoughton, Maria Bufalino, Joan Haseman, Stefani Morones, Carl Stream, , Lauren Calhoun, Claire Heid, Michael Morrissey, Cassie Stromayer, Kathleen Callaghan, Ashley Heilingoetter, Katharine Moss, Lauren Suchy, Lucy Casey, Angela Hiss, Sean Murnane, Phillip Taylor, Emily Cepla, Margaret Homer, James Murray, Erin Thelen, Patrick Chybowski, Matthew Howard, Stephen Musick, Elizabeth Trausch, Michael Connell, Brianne Huxhold, Molly Passella, Brian Tschanz, Molly Daluga, Jacqueline Iorio, Breannalynn Patterson, Laura Valkman, Emily Daus, Steven Jeka, Bethany Peterman, Jaclyn Ward, William Davis, Roger Jenke, Kathleen Poner, Amy Whitcomb, Kerry Devitt, Catherine Johnson, Ryan Reynolds, Kelsy White, Matthew Diedrich, Timothy Johnson, Nadia Richardson, Rikki Wilson, Karen Diepstra, Timothy Josupait, Carly Rieger, Matthew Wind, Thomas Dietrich, Mark Kasperczyk, Elizabeth Riley, Marta Wroblewska, Colleen Donovan, Daniel Kipp, Rebecca Robison, John Zegar, Melissa Drangines, Matthew Knight, Patrick Rogers, Devin Zimmer, Robert Druce, Elizabeth Kohrman, Bridget Ronayne, Peggy Zizzo, Matthew Dudek, Patrick Kresch

Sophomores

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Freshmen

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Honors
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Katherine Brumley, Nichole Hoeflich, Arianna Montes De Oca, Alexander Tamari, Connor Donovan, Alana Lindstrom, Jayme O'Brien, Brian White, Gerard Goshgarian, David Malia, Kristina Otto

Juniors

Michael Bielski, Bridget Doyle, Jennifer LeJeune, Jennifer Urso, Ashley Boho, April Hubbard, Jaclynn Malzow, Justin Walter, Nicholas Clementz, Elizabeth Kozikowski, Patrick Sheehan, Andy Warack, Kathryn Dannible, Christopher Koziol, Grant Stakenas, MarieWysocki, Kristen Davis, Amy Latham, Jeffrey Svihra

Sophomores

Robert Brodarick, Megan Josupait, Megan Passella, Samantha Roknich, Elizabeth Etling, Celestina Kwiecien, Nicholas Quillin, James Schaser, Michael Greffly, Derek Matelski, Marisa Rau, John Wallor, Kathryn Healy, Jonathan Miller, Catherine Riordan, Daniel Wynn

Freshmen

Amanda August, Samantha Hart, Christianna Patterson, Carlie Stromayer, Claire Burkman, Alyssa Labrado, Bret Roessler, Jacqueline Swindell, Demetria DiCristofano Kyle Lewis, Kathleen Salvi, Christine Tebbetts, Liam Doyle Kelly T Lynch, Julie Schaser, Alyssa Tudor, Lindsay Falk Kathleen McGinty, Brett Sorby, Sarah Wegge, Kelly Gerli, David Merryman

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